

# Area Children Benefit from Reading Program at SWOSU

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Children participating in the annual summer reading program at SWOSU are (front from left): Quinn Dickey, Tyson McSperitt, Talyn Payne, Grayson Riddell, Laine Robinson and Jaryko Gould. Back from left—Jacina Gould, Elizabeth Reed, Paulina Cruz, Elijah Raji, Joleigh Lovejoy, Griffin Shelton and Isabel Hull.

Fourteen Southwestern Oklahoma State University students are enjoying an excellent opportunity to engage in service learning as they instruct children in reading this summer as part of a Department of Education course on the Weatherford campus.

The students in Dr. Ann Russell's course, Diagnostic Practices in Teaching Reading, are tutoring 13 children on campus who signed up for a reading boost. Distance education students, enrolled in two cities outside of Weatherford, are working with students in area schools where they reside.

Russell, who has been associated with the reading activity for 29 years, said the program builds success in motivating an enjoyment of reading. Several students are in their second summer of the program.

Enrollment for the four-week program begins after spring break each year. The program is well supported by area teachers and administrators who refer participants in grades 1-6.