

Western Oklahoma Children Getting Reading Help from SWOSU Students

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Area children are benefiting from a reading course to boost their reading skills this summer at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford. The 24 children are under the direction of 12 SWOSU students enrolled in Dr. Ann Russell's university course—Diagnostic Practices in Teaching Reading. Children participating include (front from left): Kiana Olvera, Kaitlyn Braun, Natalie Moore, Gracie Durland, Mylea Killman and Evelyn De la O. Middle from left—Alexander Disney, Brodie Turney, Paulina Cruz, Autumn Phillips, Kallie Collins, Rylan Smith and Kaden Cornelsen. Back from left—Aaron Posey, Taylan Schreck, Noah Crystal, Carter Lee, Zachary Potter, Jayden Gregory and Trenton Rodriguez. Not pictured are Joleigh Lovejoy, Savanna Salcido, Grant Olmo and Emily Schantz.

Several area children in western Oklahoma are benefiting from a summer reading program at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford.

The 24 children have an opportunity to boost their reading skills under the direction of 12 SWOSU education students in Dr. Ann Russell's course—Diagnostic Practices in Teaching Reading. The elementary, early childhood and special education majors engage in this service learning project which allows them to assess and instruct students in reading. The program reinforces skill development as well as an enjoyment of reading.

A longstanding Department of Education summer opportunity for children, Russell has been associated with the program for 28 years. The program is well supported by area teachers and administrators who refer participants in grades 1-5.