Everyone Reads

In partnership with Davis Bilingual Magnet Elementary School

**Goal:** First graders at Davis Bilingual Magnet Elementary School will increase their interest in reading.

**Objective 1.** We will buy one book per theme for the first grade classes.

**2.** We will read to the first grade classes one time per week.

**3.** Two books will be recorded for future fun reading.

**4.** Create a DVD.

The Community Transition Programs (CTP) is a very unique educational program for students with disabilities between the ages of 18 and 22. Students with disabilities are eligible to stay in school until their 22nd birthday. CTP has implemented a full-time community-based instruction program to focus on the skills and relationships these students will need to be successful as young adults in their communities. The CTP curriculum focuses on career exploration, social skills, recreation/leisure, and independent living skills. As part of the curriculum, students are required to volunteer in a community non-profit agency. As volunteers, they not only learn about career options, but they also give back to their community and help others. This is a very different perspective of most students with disabilities who are usually the recipients of assistance or help. CTP curriculum recognizes that all students have some skill or ability they can share with their community members; hence, be seen by others as valued contributing members of their community.

The program design calls for CTP to use service-learning as a teaching and learning model. This model will ensure students have the opportunity to integrate meaningful community service with instruction and reflection in order to enrich the learning experience, teach civic responsibility, strengthen community partnerships, and prepare them to transition from being a high school student to a young adult. The program design and delivery is for students with mild to moderate disabilities to implement and support the Everyone Reads program at Davis Bilingual Magnet Elementary School.

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