



Thousand Book Challenge Update

In the spring of 2021, First Methodist Richardson decided to launch a new initiative to benefit our partner schools. We had heard that many children didn't have access to books at home. Knowing that reading is critical to educational development for these students, we decided to try to raise enough money for each child at our two partner schools to receive a book to take home. Thus, a Thousand Book Challenge! We thought this was bold, but FUMCR has delivered on bold before.

Fast forward to December, 2022. That Thousand Book Challenge that our church took on resulted in us delivering our **SEVENTH THOUSANDTH BOOK** to the children of Mark Twain Elementary and Greenwood Hills Elementary!! FUMCR has generously provided more than **\$40,000** to bring books into the homes and the lives of children. Thanks to you, these kids will know they are loved and supported!



We Read Together begins — Year Number Two!!

We Read Together resumes for the spring semester the week of January 23rd at 6 RISD schools including our partners Mark Twain and Greenwood Hills. Training and resource materials are provided! Thanks to our great volunteers who will continue to fill spots at both schools! We need a few more new volunteers and here is the link: <https://web.risd.org/wereadtogether>

Helping a young student pre-K through 2nd grade improve their English proficiency is vital to their continued success in school and this program requires just 30 minutes of your time, once a week. Be the good in a young student's educational journey by volunteering with We Read Together!

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Spotlight on Volunteers!

Cathy Phillips leads our efforts at Mark Twain Elementary School, and does it with a characteristic energy and joy. Whether it be reading with a student, helping out with back to school cleanup efforts, or (like above) delivering holiday goodies to teachers, Cathy exemplifies how the Children First program makes a difference. Thanks Cathy for everything you do for the kids at Mark Twain!

Easy way to support our partners? Join their PTA!

One of the best ways to support our partner schools is to join their PTA! These schools don't have the resources of some other schools in the District, and joining their PTA will be a big help to them. Go to this website <https://member.pta.org/Run-Your-PTA/PTA-Lookup>, enter Richardson in the City and Texas in the state, then find Greenwood Hills and/or Twain, Mark (weird, we know!) and JOIN! These PTA's need our financial backing and message of support in their mission. Anyone can do this and it's only \$10/school.