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## Team Read success

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The entire staff and parents of Kennewick School District deserve credit for the powerful improvement in third-grade reading scores on the Washington Assessment of Student Learning.

And also deserving more than passing mention are the volunteers of Team Read.

These volunteers put in half-hour sessions at their assigned schools, reading with children, encouraging them and their parents to focus some of their precious time on reading.

The reward the volunteers get has become more than just the hugs at the end of the year.

There is also the satisfaction for volunteers that they may have helped the teachers make a lifelong difference in the opportunities for the students they select.

Overall the scores for Kennewick third graders went from 74 percent reading at the proper level in 1996 to 90 percent at the proper level in 2006.

In percentages, that's quite an achievement. In human terms, it's even greater.

Volunteers always make a difference. This is one of the few times when they have a chance to see that difference actually measured.

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