



SUCCESS STORIES

EDUCATORS, STUDENTS, & FAMILIES SHARE THEIR READING SUCCESS!

Special Education – Determined to Succeed



“Before READ 180 I did not feel good about myself, I did not know how to do the work because I could not read it. I strongly believe READ 180 is proven to work; today I am able to understand all of my classes, even word problems in math... READ 180 has changed my life!”

Reno
2010 Scholastic READ 180 All-Star, Stage B
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By the time Reno was enrolled in *READ 180* in the beginning of 7th grade, he had already been classified as a Special Education student who was a struggling reader and had been placed in many different tutoring, testing, and reading programs. Even after years of help, his oral fluency and comprehension skills were still at a “beginner reader” level when he entered *READ 180*. Despite several personal setbacks, including losing his family’s home to Hurricane Ike during the fall of 2008, Reno has always demonstrated a positive attitude toward improving his reading ability and a strong desire to succeed academically. His teacher says he was respectful to his teachers and peers and has “been a pleasure to work with since the first day he was in 7th grade,” but his reading skills were in dire need of improvement to ensure Reno the opportunity to succeed in school and in life. Thankfully, “as a direct result of his positive attitude, work ethic, and placement in *READ 180*,” his teacher, Eve Thompson, says, he is on the right track to success.

Since enrolling in *READ 180*, Reno has had a Lexile growth of 667; he is still working on improving his reading ability even further, but many teachers have noticed a sparkle in his eye, and he yearns for more knowledge. With this new confidence he has gained, he openly talks about his plans for college and the future. Reno is growing and learning, and hopes to continue this development.