

November Newsletter



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YOU ARE GIVING THE GIFT OF READING!

Kids Ranch students are off to a great start for the 2024–2025 school year! Because of you, twenty–one children are meeting twice weekly (with more coming) to improve their reading and spelling skills and growing in confidence.

Fifteen trained tutors have been working hard with their special students. We are already observing “can do” attitudes and happy kids! Thanks to your generosity and the positive relationship of each child with their tutor/mentor, and the effectiveness of a brain–based, multi–sensory phonics technique, the children are already showing significant improvement.

We are so grateful to our caring volunteer tutors, drivers, and donors.

Thanks to you, the children are being given the lifelong gift of literacy!

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The Kids Ranch Literacy Program is in full swing for Fall and our students are very eager to learn. While earning prizes can be a great motivator, the kids often seem ready to dive into the hardest words first, and rarely feel the need for a break. Our students have fond associations with us through the camp and all our programs; when asked what they like about learning to read at Kids Ranch, the most common answer is **"everything!"**

Just the other day, a boy wasn't working up to his usual standard. Teresa, our mental health coordinator, asked him to draw pictures of the ADHD medicine he takes, and explain what was going on. He pointed and said, "They're out of that one at the store." Teresa asked him to dig down deep within himself and find the strength to keep working for his prize, even though she knew it would be difficult. He did find the will to get back on track, and **now he knows he is a boy who can learn and accomplish great things!**



LEARNING ABOUT MRS. SHORT

Mrs. Short is a character used to help the kids learn and remember the short vowels in words.

The volunteers at Kid Ranch make learning fun for the kids!

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Look at those smiles!

There's a new addition to Kids Ranch, and it's bringing lots of big smiles to the kids' faces!

We now have a large and sturdy swing set for the kids to play on and it will last for years to come!

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus and the men's group of St. Joseph's Church in Baraboo for helping bring this happiness to the ranch!



Who can spot the similarity between this picture and our logo?



Dedicated to
**Pat & and her late
husband, Bill Wilde**
for their love of the kids
and Kids Ranch.



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Building caring, capable, and confident kids



VOLUNTEER CORNER



Volunteering is a great way to give back to the community!

This amazing group of guys came out and helped build the new swing set at Kids Ranch last month! Their hard work will be putting smiles on kids faces for many years!

**Thank you again
Knights of Columbus and
St. Joseph's Church Men's Group
in Baraboo!**

Are you looking for a way to make a difference in 2025?

We are looking for committed, volunteer tutors, drivers, and other fun jobs.

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Lifesavers needed!

Do you want to bring a child the gift of reading?

Do you like to spend time outdoors or making crafts with children?


Do you want to change a life?

You can become someone's lifesaver!

Click the link to volunteer!



Just a short note to say how much we love our **volunteers & donors!**

Kids Ranch needs you, and you always come through! 

You keep changing lives and we thank you for it!! 

Love,

Kristie Gander-Executive Director