



Winter Newsletter 2009

What is My Role as a Mentor?

YOU ARE...

... **A FRIEND.** Mentors and mentees do things together that are fun and engaging. They support each other both in good times and in tough times. They teach each other and help each other. By being a good listener and engaging in authentic conversations, you are helping your mentee develop important life skills.

... **A ROLE MODEL.** You are expected to set a good example for your mentee for how to live your life. This is not the same as being perfect; rather, it is about acknowledging your imperfections and sharing your strengths.



... **A CONFIDANT.** Building a close relationship with your mentee will help them build better relationships with others in their life, such as parents and peers.

... **A NURTURER OF POSSIBILITIES.** Your role is to see the gifts and strengths of your mentee and help them flourish personally. You should help your mentee channel his gifts towards actions that make them a resource to others in his family, neighborhood, and community.

Adapted from Mentoring for Meaningful Results: Asset-Building Tips, Tools, and Activities for Youth and Adults

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Using Office Resources to Create Meaningful Lessons

You may have recently noticed that we have re-organized areas of the LSMP room and added a series of labeled binders to the sign-in table. These aren't new materials, but ones we think are worth taking a look at, and now are more accessible for quick use. Feel free to browse, ask questions, and take any pages you find useful.

We would be happy to demonstrate lessons, using our great materials, for you and your student. If interested, fill out a short form at the sign-in table and we will create a customized a lesson for your student.

Don't forget we're here to help!

-Jessica and Catalina

Thank You!

We are so grateful for tutors, family, and friends who donated generously. We received many new books, games, office supplies as well as a grand total of \$5,360.

Please continue to advocate on our behalf to those who can give and remember that every contribution, no matter the size, makes a huge difference.

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Upcoming Fieldtrips:

Sunday, February 22 :Glide Memorial, making bag lunches for people in need, 5th graders only

Saturday, March 14, 9:15am:Crab Cove Beach Exploration in Alameda

Holiday Party



Tutors, students, family, and friends enjoyed holiday poems, plays, and songs. Our own Jr. Iron Chef's served a delicious dinner. Thanks to the generosity of local author, Robin Raber-Luna, and East Bay Children's Book Project all kids went home with a brand new book.

Mentoring Month Celebration: Warriors Game



Eight lucky students and tutors celebrated Mentoring Month by attending a Golden State Warriors game at the Oracle Arena. Before the game started they took a private tour of the stadium, watched warm-ups courtside, and then settled into great seats to watch the game.

Student Writing and Art Work

It Would Be the Best Day of My Life

It would be so exciting to be in Washington, D.C. for the inauguration of Barack Obama! He'll be the best President that I've ever had. I think he will stop the wars and that will stop the killing. When he is President, he will make the World a better place for everyone. We need a healthier environment and he promises to help us do this. Barack Obama wants everyone to have good health care; that really is important. If stores keep closing, this will be a crazy world. He wants to make more jobs so people will have more money and then they can buy clothes, food, and other things. President Obama will make the police be fair and that's really needed in my city. If I was chosen to be there at the inauguration, I would be the happiest girl you've ever seen.

Kiara
5th grade

Football

Football is fun. You can run and make a touchdown. When people tag you, you gotta give the ball to the next person. Then the other person has to make a touchdown before you tag them. Everybody is going to be happy because you won the game.

Kalvin
1st grade



Brian, 5th grade

I know that I hope that Obama is President. They're having an election right now to see who is going to be president. He is the first African American to be a candidate. My parents have a picture of Barack Obama in their room. I am proud that the country has supported him all this way.

Anique
4th grade

