

This was my first year participating in the mentor program and it is truly a gratifying feeling when you know the child you worked with really benefited from the mentoring session. Robert, my 4th grader at Shackelford Elementary improved from 41% to 65% by the end of the school year on his test score average.

I've really just looked forward to every Thursday going to see him during lunch, because during these trying times within our world, the smallest acts of kindness really goes a long way. He's made a difference in my world as well; learning patience, understanding and just to hear, "Phannary, I feel BETTER about my reading". I interpret that he is expressing another level of comfort in a subject that he's really struggled in. Progress is all I wanted no matter how small, and that is what I see!

I will definitely encourage others to participate within my department. Thank you for the opportunity and hope to continue the next school year!

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