

## Students Succeed



Students at PS 5's READ completion ceremony hold up their certificates and new books. These students read 840 books in the READ 2004/2005 After School Reading Program.

Preliminary results from READ's 2004-2005 After School Reading Program indicate that our students continue to achieve significant and measurable




improvements in their reading skills. This school year, READ has served students in 20 schools in the Bronx, Brooklyn and Manhattan.

*"Keyon didn't want to go to school before. Since he began the READ program, he has begun reading everything he sees. We used to read to him. Now he reads to us."*

- Kevin and Samantha Fields  
(Parents of Keyon Fields,  
2nd Grader)



### Summer To Do List

-  Provide 400 struggling readers each with 100 hours of instruction including 25 hours of one-on-one tutoring.
-  Provide 200 deserving teens with paid summer jobs as READ tutors.
-  Contact READ at 212-849-6830 to help make it possible by sponsoring a struggling reader or teen tutor this summer.

## Praises from Sister Pat

By Benelly Peralta, Former READ Tutor

Sister Patricia Deasy AKA "Sister Pat," is a guidance counselor and social worker at Cathedral High School. As a firm believer in the READ program, Sister Pat recruits teens to volunteer as READ tutors. These teens come from the same neighborhoods as the children they tutor and serve as role models for the children.

READ has formed a strong relationship with Cathedral High School whose students are tutoring in various public and parochial schools. "We are the #1 tutor source for the READ program and it is wonderful," Sister Pat explained. "The READ program implements the same values that Cathedral High School holds for its students, that is why I believe in it so much."

As an experienced social worker who has worked as a principal and now guidance counselor, Sister Pat understands the importance of literacy for young children. "The program is effective because children do improve."



Sister Pat, (right) with Cathedral High School teen tutors.

## Teens lead... Children read

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*"There is nothing better than seeing a child improve and knowing you had something to do with it."*

- READ Tutor

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The JPMorgan Chase Foundation recently increased its support to READ with a \$25,000 award. This gift will help READ to increase the number of public school students and teens served by its After School and Summer Reading Programs. JPMorgan Chase will have the opportunity to participate in one or more of the following corporate partnership opportunities: READ's Adopt a School Program, book drives, and teen tutor professional development workshops.

"JPMorgan Chase's support combined with READ's measurable reading gains for students and growth opportunities for teens creates a partnership that makes a real difference for New York City public schools," said Laura Winter, Manager of Education Programs, Corporate Philanthropy and Sponsorships at JPMorgan Chase. A November 2004 survey by Business Week designated JPMorgan Chase sixth among the nation's top corporate givers.

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