

Calgary Reads volunteer helps turn reading from a chore into a joy

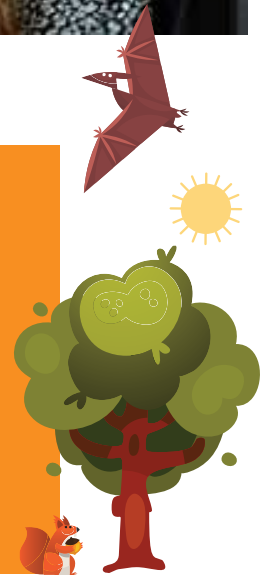


Hi. My name is Avery and I am in Grade 4 at Colonel Walker School in Inglewood. I am a huge fan of Calgary Reads, and I want to talk for a moment about how special Calgary Reads is.



Before I met my volunteer, I wasn't a big fan of reading. I thought it was just exercise for my eyes. To be honest, one of the reasons I didn't like to read very much was because I wasn't that good at it. I thought that sounding out words was kind of hard, and when I read I felt kind of alone.

But then I met my Calgary Reads volunteer. She came into our classroom at Colonel Walker twice a week to read with me. I didn't feel alone anymore, and I began to look forward to the times when she would come to visit. Sometimes she brought little presents for me, and she always had a smile ready.



My volunteer was fun to be around. And when she helped me sound out new words, she never got mad at me if I didn't get it right away. Pretty soon, I was reading chapter books!



Books are pretty amazing things. They don't look like much on the outside, but inside there are stories that are magical, adventures and new friends.

Every night before I go to sleep, I read a little. It helps me to relax, and I like it. Sometimes when I'm reading and I get to a hard word, I remember my Calgary Reads volunteer.



Thanks,
Avery

