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## By The Numbers

**841** ↑ 10%  
from 2023

Individual students  
who found help at  
Homework Centers

**239** ↑ 55%  
from 2023

Homework Center  
volunteer tutors

**4,640**

Total hours of  
tutoring provided by  
Homework Centers

**131**

Students who participated  
in Reading Together to  
work on reading skills

**110** ↑ 74%  
from 2023

Volunteer Mentors  
for Reading Together

**1,473** ↑ 127%  
from 2023

Hours that students and  
volunteers engaged in reading  
and literacy activities



## Highlights

- Introduced new tools in Homework Centers that are proven to help kids focus better such as weighted blankets, noise-cancelling headphones, and chair bands.
- A homework center volunteer's favorite moment was when a student finally grasped an algebra concept and said, "My teacher never explained it as clearly as you did."
- Opened a seventh Reading Together location at Highland Park Library to expand the reach of student support in Saint Paul neighborhoods.

" I love Homework Centers and Reading Together because... "

"It helps me focus and feel secure in my work!" - Homework Center participant

"It helped me prepare for a test for work." - Homework Center participant

"I am thankful that they not only help with grade school, but also help with college-level." - Parent of Homework Center participant

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