See below for key program dates and school closures when Read Ahead will not be in session. Also included is a monthly theme, which will be explored with your Program Coordinator through a fun icebreaker, book recommendations, or special activity.

This calendar was last updated on Friday, November 11, 2022. Dates are subject to change and mentors will be notified as soon as possible if schedules need to change.

**October 2022 Read Ahead Sessions Begin**

Each match will begin 1:1 program sessions between the week of November 1st and the week of October 24th. Your Program Coordinator will confirm your start date.

- Mon. October 10: Indigeneous People’s Day, Schools Closed & Read Ahead Closed
- Week of October 11 - October 14: Mentor Orientation Sessions Begin
- Week of October 17 - October 21: Mentee Orientation Sessions Begin
- Week of October 24 - October 28: Program Sessions Begin at most school partners

**November 2022 Hispanic Heritage Month***

- Fri. November 11: Schools closed for Veteran’s Day, No Read Ahead
- Sat. November 12: No Read Ahead
- Wed. November 23 - Sat. November 26: Thanksgiving Break, No Read Ahead

*Hispanic Heritage Month is typically celebrated from Wednesday, September 15th - Friday, October 15th; however, due to the program orientation schedule, we are unable to celebrate with Read Ahead matches. Program Coordinators will share some resources for you to engage with your mentee.

**December 2022 Gratitude & Joy Month**

- Thur. December 22: Last Day of Program Sessions Before Holiday Break
- Mon. December 26 – Sat, December 31: Schools closed for Winter Recess, No Read Ahead

**January 2023 National Mentoring Month**

- Week of Mon. Jan. 2 - Sat. Jan. 7: No Read Ahead Program Sessions, Staff Professional Development Week
- Mon. January 9: Read Ahead Program Sessions Resume
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- Sat. January 14: No Read Ahead
- Mon. January 16: Schools closed for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, No Read Ahead
- Week of Mon. Jan. 30 - Fri. Feb 2: Mentoring Month Celebration (Date TBD)

February 2023 Black History Month

- Wed. February 1: Schools closed for Lunar New Year, No Read Ahead
- Mon. February 20 - Fri. February 24: Schools closed for Midwinter Recess
- Sat. February 25: No Read Ahead

March 2023 Women's History Month

- Thur. March 9: K-8 Afternoon & Evening Parent Teacher Conferences, No Read Ahead
- Tues. March 28 - Thurs. March 31: Read Ahead may be canceled due to ELA testing; Program Coordinator will share any scheduling modifications

April 2023 Earth & Environmental Awareness Month

- Mon. April 8 - Fri. April 14: Schools closed for Spring Recess, No Read Ahead
- Sat. April 15: No Read Ahead
- Fri. April 21: Schools closed for Eid Al-Fitr, No Read Ahead
- Tues. April 25 - Thurs. April 27: Read Ahead may be canceled due to math testing; Program Coordinator will share any scheduling modifications

May 2023 Asian American Pacific Islander Month

- Tue. May 2: Books & Beyond Gala, No Read Ahead
- Mon. May 22 - Sat. May 27: Last Week of Program Sessions
- Mon. May 29: Schools closed for Memorial Day, No Read Ahead

*Note: Testing schedules vary by school and may include other dates from April-June. Program Coordinators will inform mentors of any schedule changes as soon as Read Ahead is made aware of them!