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## 2025-26 Program Calendar

Key program dates, school closures, and other events that will affect regularly scheduled Read Ahead programming are listed below. This calendar was last updated on Thursday, August 7, 2025. Dates are subject to change; caregivers and mentors will be notified as soon as possible in the event of a change.

October 2025	Read Ahead Sessions Begin	
Monday	10/13	Schools closed for Indigenous People's Day; Read Ahead closed
Tuesday - Friday	10/14 - 10/17	LIVE Mentor Orientation Sessions <i>Registration required for matched mentors. Program Managers will share specific Zoom links to join orientations virtually.</i>
Monday	10/20	Schools closed for Diwali; no Read Ahead programming
Tuesday - Friday	10/21 - 10/24	Read Ahead program sessions begin! <i>1:1 program sessions start this week. Program Managers will share exact start date, time, and Zoom links with all mentors once they are matched with mentees.</i>
November 2025	Lexia Core5 Launches!	
Monday - Friday	11/3 – 11/7	Matches begin using Lexia Core5 literacy platform during sessions. Initial assessments required for all students. <i>Program Managers will share an on-demand training course and host office hours for support.</i>
Tuesday	11/4	Students do not attend school for Election Day; no Read Ahead programming

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Thursday	11/6	Afternoon & evening parent teacher conferences; no Read Ahead programming <i>(pending based on school partner)</i>
Tuesday	11/11	Schools closed for Veteran's Day; Read Ahead closed
Wednesday - Friday	11/26 - 11/28	Thanksgiving holiday break; no Read Ahead programming

December 2025		
Friday	12/19	Last day of programming before winter holiday break
Wednesday - Thursday	12/24 - 1/1	Schools & Read Ahead closed for winter holiday break
January 2026	Winter Challenge	
Thursday - Friday	1/1 - 1/2	No Read Ahead programming
Monday	1/5	Read Ahead sessions resume
Monday	1/19	Schools closed for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; Read Ahead closed
February 2026		
Monday - Friday	2/2 - 2/6	In-person sessions <i>(some school sites)</i>
Monday - Friday	2/9 - 2/13	In-person sessions <i>(some school sites)</i>
Monday - Friday	2/16 - 2/20	Schools closed for midwinter recess; no Read Ahead

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March 2026		March Madness Challenge
Monday	3/2	Launch of March Madness Reading Challenge! <i>Program Managers will share additional information.</i>
Thursday	3/5	Afternoon & evening parent teacher conferences; no Read Ahead programming
Friday	3/20	Schools closed for Eid al-Fitr; no Read Ahead programming

April 2026		
Thursday - Friday	4/2 - 4/10	Schools closed for spring recess; no Read Ahead programming
Wednesday	4/29	Books & Beyond Gala; no Read Ahead programming
May 2026		Last Month of Read Ahead Sessions
Monday - Friday	5/11 - 5/15	In-person sessions ( <i>some school sites</i> )
Monday - Friday	5/18 - 5/22	In-person sessions ( <i>some school sites</i> ); Read Ahead sessions end

*\*NOTE: Testing schedules vary by school and may include other dates from March-May. Program Managers will inform mentors of any schedule changes as soon as Read Ahead is made aware of them!*