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2026-2027 Program Calendar

Read Ahead mentor programming takes place between October – May. 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 July 2, 2026. Dates are subject to change; caregivers and mentors will be notified as soon as possible in the event of a change.

October 2026	Read Ahead Sessions Begin	
Monday	10/12	Schools closed for Indigenous People’s Day; Read Ahead closed
Tuesday - Friday	10/13 - 10/16	LIVE Virtual Mentor Orientation Sessions <i>Registration required for matched mentors. Program Managers will share specific Zoom links to join orientations virtually.</i>
Monday - Friday	10/19 - 10/23	Mentee Orientation Sessions <i>Registered students will have in-person orientation with Program Managers. No mentor engagement this week: mentors should continue reviewing materials in preparation for program launch.</i>
Monday - Friday	10/26 - 10/30	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 who are matched with mentees.</i>
November 2026	Lexia Core5 Launches!	
Monday - Friday	11/2 - 11/6	Supplemental training and office hours will be offered to help mentors confidently begin incorporating Lexia Core5 into sessions, in addition to any schedule program sessions.

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Tuesday	11/3	Schools closed for Election Day; no Read Ahead programming
Thursday	11/5	Afternoon & evening parent teacher conferences; no Read Ahead programming (<i>for school partners only/check with your PM</i>)
Monday - Friday	11/9-11/15	Matches begin using Lexia Core5 literacy platform during sessions; initial assessments required for all students
Wednesday	11/11	Schools closed for Veteran's Day; no Read Ahead programming
Wednesday - Friday	11/25 - 11/27	Thanksgiving holiday break; no Read Ahead programming
December 2026		
Friday	12/18	Last day of programming before winter holiday break
Wednesday - Thursday	12/23 - 1/1	Schools & Read Ahead closed for winter holiday break
January 2027		
Winter Challenge		
Thursday - Friday	1/1 - 1/2	No Read Ahead programming
Monday	1/4	Read Ahead sessions resume
Monday	1/18	Schools closed for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; Read Ahead closed
February 2027		
Monday - Friday	2/1 - 2/5	In-person sessions (<i>select school sites</i>)
Monday - Friday	2/8 - 2/12	In-person sessions (<i>select school sites</i>)

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Monday - Friday	2/15 - 2/19	Schools closed for midwinter recess; no Read Ahead sessions <i>Optional mid-year check ins/training. Program Managers will share specific Zoom links to join offerings virtually.</i>
March 2027*	March Madness Challenge	
Monday	3/1	Launch of March Madness Reading Challenge! <i>Program Managers will share additional information.</i>
Wednesday	3/3	Afternoon & evening parent teacher conferences; no Read Ahead programming
Tuesday	3/9	Schools closed for Eid al-Fitr; no Read Ahead programming
April 2027*		
Thursday - Friday	4/22 - 4/30	Schools closed for spring recess; no Read Ahead programming
TBD	TBD	Books & Beyond Gala; no Read Ahead programming
May 2027*	Last Month of Read Ahead Sessions	
Monday	5/17	Schools closed for Eid al-Adha
Tuesday - Friday	5/18 - 5/21	In-person sessions (<i>select school sites</i>)
Monday - Friday	5/24-28	In-person sessions (<i>select 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.*