



# All Districts 2019-2020 Highlights

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## The Problem

Only **31%** of Arizona's economically-disadvantaged 3rd-grade students **score proficiently on the AZMERIT.**

-Expect More Arizona

Arizona ranks **46th** in the United States for 4th-grade reading proficiency.

-US News and World Report

Students who do not read proficiently by 3rd-grade are **4X** less likely to graduate high school.

-Annie E. Casey Foundation

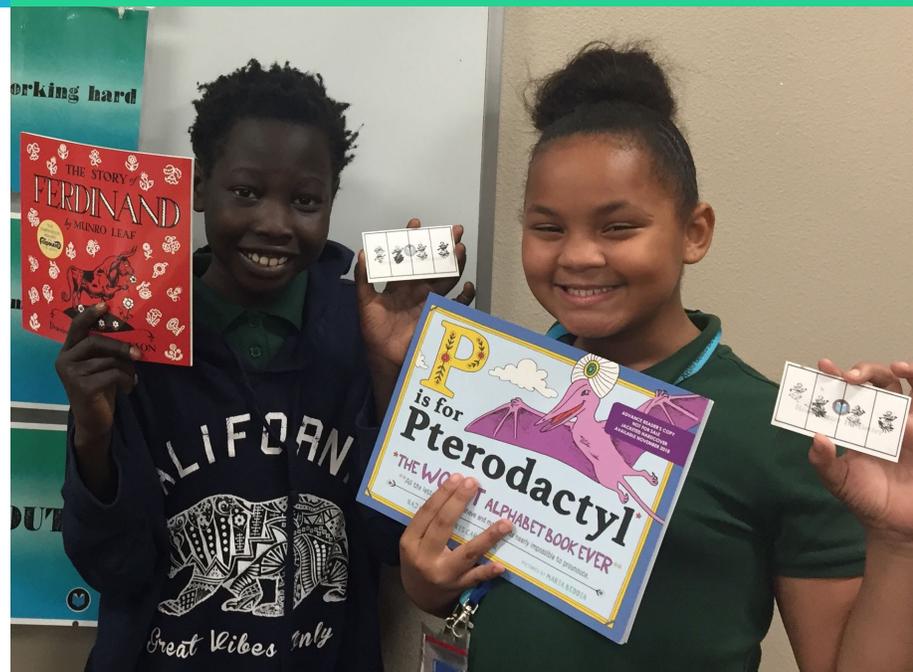
## The Solution

An evidence-based, after-school literacy intervention program proven to improve reading comprehension, confidence, and enjoyment of reading.

**3rd + 6-8th Graders | 2x Per Week | 90 Minutes Per Session**

## The Results

- ✓ **Read at grade level** by the end of 3rd grade
- ✓ **Understand** what it is they are reading
- ✓ **Enjoy** reading
- ✓ Are **more confident** when reading
- ✓ Are **better prepared** to learn
- ✓ Show an increased sense of **responsibility, commitment, and civic duty**
- ✓ Are **better prepared** for college success



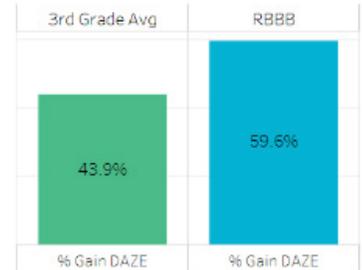


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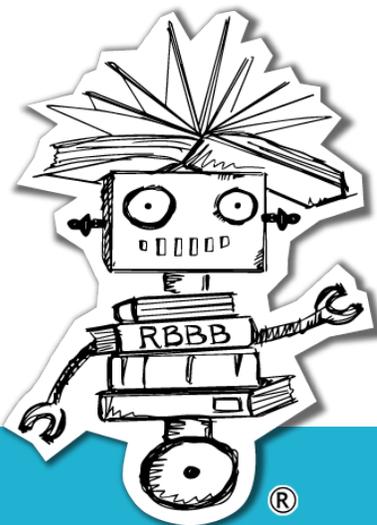
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- ✓ In the Fall 2019 semester, participating RBBB students showed **16% more growth on reading comprehension tests** over their non-participating classmates.
- ✓ **88% of 3rd graders** self-report that they are getting **better at reading** than before they were in RBBB.
- ✓ **81% of 3rd graders** agree or strongly agree that they **understand what they read better** than they could before participating in RBBB, and **79%** agree or strongly agree that **reading is easier** for them than it used to be.
- ✓ **87% of the middle schoolers** self-report they have what it takes to **be a good leader** after participating in RBBB.
- ✓ **80% of leaders and 87% of 3rd-grade readers** self-reported that they **enjoyed coming** to RBBB programming.
- ✓ **91% of parents** reported that their 3rd grader **understands what they read better** than they did before participating in RBBB.
- ✓ In the Spring 2020 semester, **RBBB distributed 4,590 Family Literacy Kits to 51 schools in 10 districts.** The kits include a curriculum guide with instructions for parents and caregivers; a literacy resource sheet; pencil and sharpener; sticky notes; and a storybook.

Fall 2019-20  
Semester Improvement



Students Tested: 211



"RBBB has delivered a great program no matter the circumstances. Many parents showed up for graduation - you know things matter for a community when people show up like that!"

- Renee Hamill, Solano Principal

"I would change the program by having RBBB all over the world."

- Jeremy, 8th Grade, Arizona Desert

"I was a slow reader. Now I read fast [and] my grades have gone up."

- Janel, 3rd grade, Desert Thunder