

NEWSLETTER



Happy New Year! It's a great time to look back and share news about our program.

In June and July of 2025, we hosted the ninth session of the Tragil Wade-Johnson Summer Reading Program in the Hartman Literacy and Learning Center. Fifty-seven children from across the Milwaukee area were placed in the program.

School and Community Partners

In summer 2025 we partnered with Milwaukee Academy of Science (I Have a Dream Foundation Milwaukee) and Notre Dame School of Milwaukee to transport children to campus by bus.

We also welcomed children from schools throughout the Milwaukee metro area, including: Catholic East Elementary, Elm Creative Arts School, La Causa Charter School, MacDowell Montessori School, Milwaukee College Prep, St. Adalbert School, St. Sebastian School, St. Vincent Pallotti School, Tamarack Waldorf School, and Woodlands School.



For enrichment, we again partnered with the Marquette Men's Basketball team. Children enjoyed four sessions with the basketball players during which they practiced a variety of basketball drills and skills.



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The summer of 2025 was a success for children. Statistical comparisons of pre-program and post-program scores on multiple assessments show students' word recognition and comprehension were significantly better post-program for the forty-seven children who attended consistently and were present for post-program assessments.



During the summer of 2025, students also participated in the **Seeds of Science/Roots of Reading** integrated literacy and science instruction during the 11am - noon hour. The unit was **Designing Mixtures**, a physical science unit. Statistical analysis of students' pretest and posttest assessment scores showed their understanding of unit concepts improved significantly given the instruction.

The **2026 Tragil Wade-Johnson Summer Reading Program** will take place in June and July of 2026. The program will be open to children who are entering 2nd-4th grade in the fall of 2026. Please contact Mary Krawczyk (mary.krawczyk@marquette.edu), program coordinator, if you'd like more information. If you're a parent or educator interested in enrolling a child, please reach out to Ms. Krawczyk in March for details about testing and placement.

**Thank you, Dwyane Wade,
Tragil Wade-Johnson,
and all who help make the summer
reading program possible!**



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