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“Reading Camp” Concludes with Celebration for Students,
Parents, and Tutors

For the past few weeks, evening students at the University Center of Lake County have gotten used to seeing much younger students joining them in the atrium, the furnished nooks in each classroom wing, and the courtyard. These children have been participating in a free ten-day tutoring program meant to sharpen their reading and writing

skills while providing their tutors with the opportunity to practice new strategies for teaching.

This "Reading Camp" will conclude with a pizza party for students, parents, and tutors on Thursday, July 24th at 5:30 at the University Center's Grayslake facility (1200 University Center Drive). Each student will have the opportunity to share something he or she has read or written during the program.

The tutors will be celebrating their own progress, too. They are actually 30 Libertyville teachers, taking the final course towards a Master's in Reading and Language Studies from Southern Illinois University Carbondale in a program brought to them by their school district. Most of the children came from the classes they taught last year.

Associate Professor Marla Mallette is teaching the course and organizing the celebration. "When you work so

closely with one child, you have the opportunity to really learn about reading and writing processes, and then if you're trying new techniques and processes with one child and they're effective, you're more likely to try them in a classroom." Both teachers and students gain from the partnership--surely a cause for celebration.