



Success Stories



**RICARDO, 7TH GRADE
NEPTUNE MIDDLE SCHOOL,
KISSIMMEE, FL**

“Before I only read books if they were obligatory. Now, after *READ 180*, reading is part of my life.”

—Ricardo

The past nine months have been a whirlwind for Ricardo. Nine months ago, Ricardo moved to the United States and entered school as an English language learner. But Ricardo didn't let his unfamiliarity with English slow him down. Instead, he combined his impressive determination and love of learning with the power of *READ 180* and was rewarded with extraordinary results. Ricardo quickly moved through the *READ 180* levels, using his free time to complete additional work. He also began taking nightly English classes with his parents. Within a few short months his Lexile level growth was a stunning 897.

Ricardo's teacher calls him “a personal example of academic excellence for all those around him. He is the only student I have on honor roll both quarters for his grades in other classes. He is the only student who attended the reading literacy night that was also an extra credit opportunity.” Ricardo's willingness to go “above and beyond in all capacities” extends to his fellow students, and he is always quick to help the other non-English speaking students with *READ 180*. Ricardo says that he has dreams of going to college and becoming a successful businessman—dreams that those who know Ricardo have no doubt he will achieve.

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