

The Cops 'N Kids Mission

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It is the mission of the Cops 'N Kids Reading Center to enable and empower all children to strive toward the fundamental successes in life through recognition of the importance of reading.

The primary objective of Cops 'N Kids is to improve the reading skills of at-risk children by introducing them to the adventure and creativity that is received from reading.

The center is intended to assist children in their exploration while guiding them toward reading skills development and subsequently how to apply the acquired skills to other academic and personal pursuits.

The children who participate in the programs will also experience positive interaction with police officers in order to develop a more trusting relationship with law enforcement.

The hope is that the unique strategies of the reading center will ultimately prevent juvenile delinquency and inspire our children to reach their full untapped potential.

A number of Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church members participate in this program. Volunteer opportunities include individual tutoring after school at the center. An adult is responsible for the child's transportation. Tutoring rooms are provided and the child's school provides quarterly grade reports.

Volunteers may also assist in the after school program for groups organized according to grades and by providing an evening meal.

For more information, log on to www.cops-n-kids.org or call 262-632-1606.