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**Wesleyan graduate students volunteer time
to teach local children reading, writing**

FORT WORTH, July 1 – From July 7 to July 22, Texas Wesleyan University will host the Summer Reading Clinic and Author’s Tea for children ages 5-12 on its historic campus located at 1201 Wesleyan St. in Fort Worth. The reading clinic is a free program to promote literacy development and enrichment of children. The clinic will culminate with the Author’s Tea at 10:30 a.m. on July 22. The tea is an opportunity for participating children to showcase their best writing pieces from the clinic by displaying and discussing their creations. After which, they will receive a certificate of completion.

“Children need programs like this,” says Lisa Dryden, Texas Wesleyan University associate professor of education and program chair. “Some come because they have a need for extra preparation before the school year and others come for the enrichment.”

The two-week clinic will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and includes reading and writing projects and one-on-one instruction by students in the Texas Wesleyan graduate program of education.

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“Each Wesleyan student is a teacher in this program. They have one child they work with every day. They assess children’s interests, strengths, and weaknesses, and plan literacy lessons accordingly,” says Dryden. “The program has a strong, positive effect on everyone. The teachers do a good job promoting a love of reading and writing, and the children are introduced to quality literature and research while having a good time. Through this experience, we hope to create life-long readers and writers.”

The program is free and open to the public. All spaces for this year’s clinic are full. For more information or to reserve space for the 2005 Summer Reading Clinic, contact Lisa Dryden at (817) 531-4961 or ldryden@txwes.edu.

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