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Our mission is to reduce the enduring achievement gap for at-risk children in the New Hanover County community.

On behalf of the children, the tutors and the research team, thank you very much, in advance, for anything you are willing to do to help the Hillcrest Reading Program.

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Everything is appreciated.
In May 2008, the Hillcrest Reading Program was launched through a collaboration between The University of North Carolina Wilmington and the Wilmington Housing Authority. Our program aims to reduce the enduring achievement gap between white and black children in New Hanover County.

Two days a week, for 90 minutes each day, the Hillcrest Reading Program sends a group of UNCW volunteer tutors to work with children in grades K-2 that need help with fundamental reading skills. The tutors work one-on-one with the children for an hour each day. Over the past four years, the program has been highly successful in helping children get to grade-level or above literacy levels.

- The program we are using to tutor the children is through the book “Teach Your Child to Read in 100 Easy Lessons.”
- Children can enter the program at different points (lessons) depending on their current skills.
- The program also makes family involvement possible, as teachers, tutors, and parents can all use the same material.

The Hillcrest Reading Program welcomes any students interested to apply for a tutor position. Tutors are recruited from the undergraduate population of UNCW, especially in the Department of Sociology and Criminology, as well as the Watson School of Education. If you are interested in becoming a tutor of the Hillcrest Reading Program, log on to the website uncw.edu/wha/hillcrest/involved.html to fill out a Tutor Application Form. Tutoring positions are limited and applications will be used to identify tutors that have the best fit with the Hillcrest Reading Program.