

At Sugar Grove Elementary School, we have many students who arrive on the buses soon after 7:30 and who do not leave on the buses (or are walkers) until 3:35. Our teachers are tutoring these students for 35 to 40 minutes a day during a time when they are just waiting in the cafeteria in the morning or waiting in their rooms for buses in the afternoon. The rest of the tutoring is occurring daily from 10:30 until 3PM. We have developed a schedule where students are being pulled mainly from walking club, SME, silent reading time, or homework periods. Students are being tutored 35 to 40 minutes per day. In this way, we have increased the amount of needy students who are able to receive tutoring since we no longer have transportation issues.

Tutoring for reading in kindergarten is focused on concepts of print, phonemic awareness, letter recognition, and sight words. Tutors are using the “Alligators to Zucchini” kits. For grades 1-5, tutors are using the new reading series Harcourt Strategic Intervention kits. These kits match exactly what the teacher is working on for language arts in the classroom in phonics, fluency, comprehension, vocabulary, and grammar. Sixth grade (and sometimes fifth) is working through the PSSA reading coach.

We have students being tutored in math for grades 2-6. For math, tutors sometimes have the students do SME. They drill the students on addition or multiplication facts and work on skills the teacher suggests. Tutors also assist with math homework and are working through the PSSA coaches for grades 3-6.