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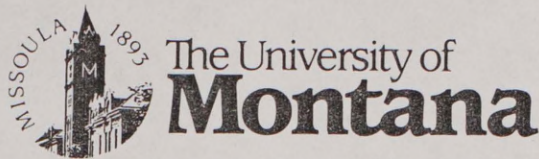
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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **'AMERICA READS AMERICA COUNTS' SEEKS VOLUNTEER TUTORS**

**MISSOULA –**

Ever wonder what it would feel like to teach a child to read and do arithmetic? Now is your chance to find out.

University of Montana students are needed to volunteer as tutors for the America Reads America Counts program. Volunteers will help elementary school children develop better reading and math skills. The program is operated by UM's Office for Civic Engagement.

Tutors will spend between two and 15 hours each week at their volunteer school and will attend two training sessions offered by the School of Education, Department of Mathematics and the Office for Civic Engagement. Students can volunteer after school or during specific schooltime hours.

The America Reads program was established in 1996, and the America Counts program began in 1999. Both programs were organized to strengthen elementary school students' abilities and to promote equality in education.

For more information about America Reads America Counts or to volunteer, visit the Office for Civic Engagement in Social Science Room 126 or call Amber Schwiegert at 243-5531.

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