

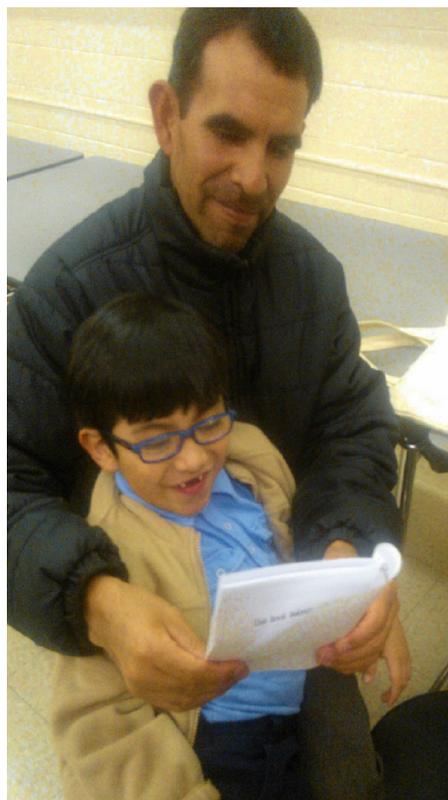
# Father Does Double Duty to Provide Kids with the Gift of Reading

One seldom finds anything more powerful than the determination of a loving father to make a better life for his family. That's precisely what Alfredo Coronado is doing—providing a better life for his family through the gift of literacy and reading. The Coronado family attends the Guilford County Family Literacy Academy in Greensboro, NC. While Alfredo has to balance work with learning, his commitment to the program is nothing short of phenomenal!

Alfredo brings his whole family to the Barbara Bush Family Literacy Academy of Guilford County: his wife, Modesta, and two sons, Zabdiel (age 5) and Abisai (age 2). Their attendance record is stellar. Alfredo is pictured at right reading with his son Zabdiel during the 2012 Pre-Thanksgiving Literacy and American Culture lesson.

The family enrolled late in the 2011-2012 program and asked to continue for 2012-2013. It was easy to say "Yes" to this family. When Alfredo must work late, he drives his family to the Academy in time for the dinner, then he leaves without eating and goes back to finish his work. He may be a few minutes late for class, but Alfredo always returns.

Alfredo expressed to us how happy he is that his employer allows him to pursue an education for his family through this program.



Alfredo Coronado successfully balances a busy work life with the pursuit of literacy for his entire family at the Guilford County Family Literacy Academy in Greensboro, NC.

Zabdiel Coronado and dad, Alfredo, reading together during Pre-Thanksgiving PACT time: fun times celebrating the escape of the turkey from the farmer in "Run, Turkey, Run."

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"I know that my boss, he believes in me that I will get the job done. When I can read better in English, I am better at my job, too, so he likes that my family comes to these classes," he said. "This program has helped me to see how important education is to my family, but especially my two sons."

Every day, Alfredo and his wife both read to their children. Zabdiel is in kindergarten this year and he is already reading like a champ. Although Alfredo was right there during the Thanksgiving Parent and Child Time (PACT), Zabdiel didn't need Dad's help very much to read "Run, Turkey, Run."

**Our hats are off to Alfredo for making family literacy a priority.**