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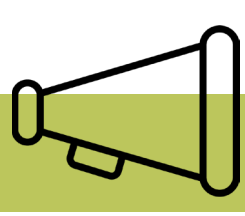
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Highlights from the team serving at Meadowbrook Middle School



Heart of Florida United Way



JOYS

- Our team loves working students during tutoring and in class - we feel we have made great connections!
- Our partnerships with school administration and teachers is getting stronger everyday!
- Our team works well together and we truly enjoy each other's company!



STARFISH STORY - A STORY OF STUDENT IMPACT

BY SOPHIA WOLF



My starfish story is about a student named *Elijah. As student coming from a year and a half of virtual learning, I can only imagine how hard it is to find your place and your voice in a classroom. He is bilingual but only speaks English in front of others and is quiet and calm. Elijah and I met in my reading small group during class. After

spending a few groups with him reading with a partner or reading with me, the group asked if they could read by themselves. In a group where other kids are quick to volunteer to read, Elijah would normally stay quiet but now he is actively part of the group and energetically competing with the other students to read first. Every time Elijah reads his voice is louder and you can hear such confidence in each word. I am so proud of him for taking a risk and pushing himself by reading out loud without a partner.



AMERICORPS MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Alia Trail is a proud AmeriCorps member serving at Meadowbrook Middle School. Alia was born in New York and grew up in Orlando since she was a young child. Alia is a proud alumna of Meadowbrook and says that serving at this school as a City Year AmeriCorps member is a such an honor. Her favorite part of serving at Meadowbrook is giving back through supporting her students. Though she never had a City Year,

she had someone in her life like a City Year who was a mentor to her. She's enjoyed gaining more experience working with kids through City Year and in the future, she is interested in starting a social-emotional learning nonprofit for students.



THE TEAM

Machael Richardson
Nicole May

Lydia Callaghan
Alia Trail

Ra'shon Hamilton
Sophia Wolf

UPCOMING DATES

DECEMBER

- School Holiday Concert
- Meadowbrook Team Takeover
- Dress Out Spirit Week

JANUARY

- Behavior Kickoff



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