

## The Ashmore Mentor Program

The Ashmore Mentor Program or AMP is being headed by Billy, a parent within the school along with the help of Dr. Carter and GA Danielle Jackson and their CORE 1 class that volunteers every Wednesday after school from 2:30-4 by helping students with homework, reading, playing games and enjoying snacks together. An EIU student is paired up with 1 or 2 other Ashmore students that range in age from 1st-3rd grade. In reflection of their first meeting with students, EIU students said they walked out feeling much more comfortable than they did walking in. Many students were nervous, intimidated but all very excited. Dr. Carter challenges his students to make sure they get to know their Mentees on a personal level and make the homework club fun. He asks them to find books that interest students and also find a way to motivate them with engaging activities that keep the students interested. The students at EIU are looking forward to the exciting semester ahead full of learning opportunities!

