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**The Kemper Foundation's Read Conmigo Grant Program
Awards Spring 2026 Educator Grants**
Supporting educators advancing dual-language learning

CHICAGO, January 29, 2026 — [The Kemper Foundation](#), the philanthropic partner of [Kemper Corporation](#), announced today it has awarded Read Conmigo Educator grants to teachers in the Greater Los Angeles, Dallas and Miami areas. Since 2022, the program has awarded more than \$1 million, making it one of the few private initiatives dedicated to supporting dual-language learning. A full list of Spring 2026 Read Conmigo Educator Grant recipients is available [here](#).

[Read Conmigo Educator Grants](#) promote bilingualism and biliteracy for elementary Hispanic and Latino students by supporting educators in public and charter school dual-language programs. Each year, The Kemper Foundation awards up to 100 grants of \$3,000 each to educators, funding classroom resources and professional development. Recipients are selected by a panel of Kemper Foundation leaders and education partners, including the Bilingual/ESL Education Association of the Metroplex, the Florida Association for Bilingual Education, the California Association for Bilingual Education, and GPSN.

“The Read Conmigo Educator Grant program recognizes the important role teachers play in shaping students’ confidence, literacy and connection to language,” said Barbara Ciesemier, President of The Kemper Foundation. “Through their commitment to high-quality dual-language instruction, these educators are opening doors for students academically, culturally and for the futures they will build.”

The program has demonstrated measurable impact, with educators reporting improvements in reading comprehension, writing, spelling, vocabulary, phonics, speaking and technology skills. In the most recent academic year, 89% of grant recipients observed improved reading comprehension, and 84% reported increased student confidence in biliteracy skills.

Building on the success of the educator grants, The Kemper Foundation launched the [Read Conmigo School Impact Grants](#) in late 2024, awarding \$10,000 grants to support school- or program-wide dual-language initiatives at Title I elementary schools. Together, these efforts reflect the Foundation’s commitment to closing opportunity gaps and preparing Hispanic and Latino students for success in a globalized world.

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