

KIDS WORK TO IMPROVE READING SKILLS



Above left, Andrea James, 7, of Des Moines' east side sounds out her words Tuesday during a Jacobson Academy class at the Boys and Girls Club in Des Moines. The Jacobson Academy is a program that helps students with their reading language skills. Above right, Kathy Wallace helps Garton Elementary School third-grader Tashila Jackson, 9, of Des Moines' east side with her reading. See more photos online at DesMoinesRegister.com/photos.



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Cassie Lents, left, helps first-graders with their reading. Clockwise from left are students Jaiziah Jansen, 6, Pathot Toang, 8, Jimmyia Johnson, 7, and Andrea James, 7, all of Des Moines' east side.