

# The Hill Center

## *Reading Achievement Program (RAP) 2007 – 2011 Expansion grant for \$1,250,000.*

The Hill Center expanded the Hill Reading Achievement Program (RAP) and received support for their Student Financial Aid Endowment. The Hill Center expanded the RAP model and implemented a need based, multi-year reading and written language remediation initiative for at-risk K-5 students in the Durham Public Schools and one other low-wealth district. The development of HillWrite and HillRAP online courses will extend access to best practices curriculum and professional development for educators through virtual workshops. The online courses include an evaluation component to validate effectiveness. These combined components are budgeted at \$1,000,000 and an additional \$250,000 is granted for the Teacher Training Center and Technology Expansion and the Endowment for Student Financial Aid. The Reading Achievement Program (RAP) was an initiative of the Hill Center and Durham Public Schools, funded through a \$640,000 three year grant in 2006 from the North Carolina GlaxoSmithKline Foundation.

The RAP program was implemented using the Hill Center's successful, research-based instructional methodology to improve the reading skills of students who were at risk of not meeting the NC state standards for reading proficiency.