

Quotes from School Partners

"Our reading buddies are so important in giving students an opportunity to read one-on-one with an adult. The time reading buddies spend working with students has the potential to improve a student's reading skills, as well as his or her enjoyment of reading and self-confidence. The impact this time may have over the course of a student's life is an exciting prospect. At Madison, reading buddies

become an important part of our school community, and we are so thankful for their dedication and commitment!"

Lisa Estcourt, Reading Intervention Teacher, Madison Elementary

We love our reading buddies. I have had such positive feedback from classroom teachers, and our adult buddies are truly dedicated. They are here every week, on time and without fail. The communication has been outstanding. Our students love their buddies and cherish that one-on-one time. Thank you for supporting us and our students!

Lisa Baumer, Reading Interventionist, Belfair Elementary

Thank you for the invitation to your training event! It was nearly standing room only and the energy in the room was so positive and encouraging; these are dedicated volunteers! Mary Morris was spot-on sharing the developmental aspects of learning to read, and then also sharing the research and some resources that support those foundational skills.

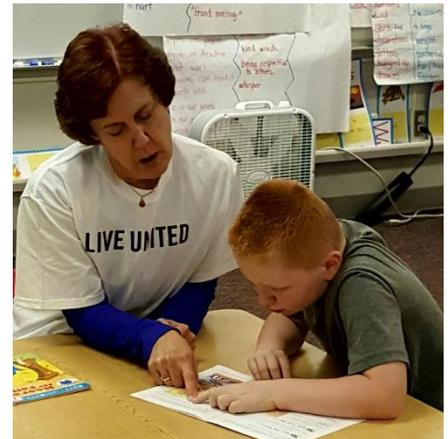
Judy Fondaw, Instructional Facilitator, Reading, Peter G. Schmidt Elementary

We loved the volunteers. Many thanks to you and the program.

***Julia Athens
Reading Specialist
Tumwater Hill Elementary***

We are so pleased with the Reading Buddy support we received this year. The volunteers working with our students certainly made a difference in moving them forward in reading. We are so grateful for the United Way Reading Buddy Program!

***Rachel Dorsey
Assistant Principal
RE Bennett Elementary***



Quotes from Reading Buddies

Things are going great at Garfield. Christine, the facilitator, is very nice and I've connected with the other Reading Buddies in my time slots. I am so happy to be able to help 4 very special students. It warms my heart!

Jody Bogdanovich, Reading Buddy Volunteer, Garfield Elementary

Just recently my third grader (who I have been working with for 2 years) discovered what mystery stories are all about, i.e. how the clues are in the story, and the fun of trying to figure out how things are going to end. She is racing thru our current book and looking forward to the next in the series. It was such a thrill to see her eyes light up in that "ah ha" moment. I think she may be hooked!

Cindy Williams, Reading Buddy Volunteer, Garfield Elementary

Spending time with these students is heartwarming. Each time I come, I am greeted with smiles and the question, "When do I get to read with you?" One second grader is working very hard using the phonic tools to unlock words and we are both so excited when she has success. Her love of reading is growing and growing. I feel honored to be part of her education journey.

Betty Hubbard, Reading Buddy, Lacey Elementary and Mountain View Elementary.

My student, a non english speaking boy learning his letters to putting words together with a smile.

Mary Salling, Reading Buddy, McLane Elementary

When a first grade girl read a whole book out loud to me...and her grin was ear to ear.

Barbara Schleiper, Reading Buddy, Meadows Elementary

It was very satisfying when my student looked up at me and said, "I can read!" after struggling earlier to read one of her books.

Kay Pauley, Reading Buddy, Sand Hill Elementary

At least one student will spontaneously tell me something about their family situation. One student told me about a first visit to a hotel. (She whispered) One student told me she is the "Explorer of The Week."

Ben Higgins, Reading Buddy, Rochester Primary School

Seeing the advances that most of the students make as the year advances and know that I possibly am responsible for some of that.

Jerry Cooley, Reading Buddy, Madison Elementary

Working with the children has been an amazing experience!

Ann Armstrong, Reading Buddy, Roosevelt Elementary

I had a 2nd grader that could barely read and she is reading now.

Leslie Ring, Reading Buddy, Belfair Elementary

