

# Book Buddies!

**(Must be going into 5<sup>th</sup> grade or older)**

Awesome, you are old enough to be an older reader this year!

Here are the things you need to know.

This program has been created to give children a chance to comfortably practice reading. As the Older Buddy, it is your job to make sure the kids have fun! Reading aloud with children is one of the best ways to teach a kid how to read.

We will pair you each week with a buddy that we think you will have fun reading with. While you are paired with this buddy it is your job to make sure the child picks a couple of books and sits to read with you. **If you are having trouble keeping the child's attention, or if they are misbehaving, do not be afraid to come to one of the adult helpers.**

## Some things to remember:

- Let your buddy pick the book, and praise them for the book they have picked.
- Try reading different books. Non-fiction (true books) can sometimes be even more interesting than fiction (story books)!
- Read with enthusiasm and have fun! Do not be afraid to use voices, or to try to make your buddy laugh!
- You can use puppets to read with your buddies! They can use the puppet to help act out the story. If they are not interacting with the story, make sure both the buddy and the puppet are sitting quietly and listening.
- If you think your buddy can handle it, take turns reading. You read one sentence, paragraph, or page, and then they read the next one.
- If your buddy is having trouble reading some of the tough words, try to help them sound it out. Remember what it was like when you were first learning!
- If your buddy does not want to read aloud because they are too shy or unsure, suggest reading the book aloud together.