

Reading BUDDIES

We are committed to helping our children read at or above grade level expectation and we need your assistance! For a commitment of just one hour each week*, you'll spend time with a child in simple icebreakers, reading together, and a few minutes of games or free time. Our staff will provide guidance and ideas to get you started. It's a fun and rewarding way to make a difference in the life of a child.

*(*Consistency is important for the kids. We ask that you try it out with the idea of being willing to do this as a weekly commitment for at least 2-3 months or more.)*

Sunday: 3 to 4pm (Preschool)
6 to 7pm & 7 to 8pm (Preschool & School Age)

Monday: 6 to 7pm & 7 to 8pm (School Age)

Thursday: 7 to 8pm (Preschool)

Schedule:

15 min: ice breaker
30 min: reading
15 min: games or free time

Icebreaker Ideas:

- **True or False:** Tell the child 2 things about you that are true and one that is not and have them guess which one is not true. Ask the child to do the same and you guess which one is not true
- **5 Words:** Ask the child to explain themselves in 5 words. Reverse and explain yourself in 5 words.
- **Best Thing:** What's the best thing you've ever done? (or, Most Fun, or Best Time...). Once you know the child, ask Best Thing This Week. Reverse and share your own experience.
- **Family:** share a little about your family and ask child to tell you about their family

Reading Tips:

- You read a page, they read a page
- Choose a fun book from our library, or bring your own
- Choose a book that is "easier" for the child to read
- Choose a comfortable setting
- Have the child guess what is going to happen next