



Project READ

Contra Costa County Partners In Education

TO: Project READ Volunteers

RE: *Specific Project READ Volunteer Responsibilities*

What is expected of me as a Project READ volunteer?

First, and foremost, you are committed to come to 10 half hour sessions for either the Fall or Spring Project READ program.

You will be paired with a child (first or second grader) who, for whatever reason, could benefit from the companionship of an adult. Your relationship is built around reading.

The first meeting includes an orientation session held one half hour before the usual time to explain to you exactly what is expected and to answer any questions you may have.

Generally, you will meet with the same child each week. Reading materials will be provided for you. This child will read to you and sometimes you to him/her for part of the session. You can stop and talk about what the story is about at any time. During the session you can also have the student draw a picture depicting something about what you have read.

There will be a means of communicating, with the teachers and coordinator of the program at your school, any questions or concerns you may have along the way.

There will probably be times something comes up and you can't make a session. You are asked to get a substitute and/or to notify the school because your student will be looking for you. The school will have a chance to pair your "buddy" up with another volunteer.

The last session of each program is a celebration session and you will be provided with a gift book to give to your "buddy."