



Reading Buddies

You Make a Difference Every Day!

Thank you
for giving
your time,
your heart, and
your support!



WHY YOUR TIME MATTERS

For some readers, fluency takes lots of practice.

We call this **"miles on the tongue."**

Every time a student reads with you, they are building skills, confidence, and a love for reading.

YOUR TIME HELPS STUDENTS:

- ✓ Read words accurately
- ✓ Read smoothly
- ✓ Read with expression
- ✓ Build confidence
- ✓ Become stronger, more independent readers



MORE THAN READING

When you show up, listen, encourage, and celebrate growth, you build a relationship.



You help a child believe:

*"I am a reader:
I can do this."*



Your consistency matters.

A student who knows you will be there next time feels safe, supported, and valued.

YOUR ROLE: READ • LISTEN • ENCOURAGE • CELEBRATE

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LET THEM READ

Give students lots of opportunities to do the reading.

- Let them read the passage more than once.
- Encourage them to reread sentences.
- Practice tricky words together.
- Read at a comfortable pace.

*More reading =
more practice!*

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LISTEN

Listen carefully while the student reads.

If they make a mistake:

PAUSE
↓
GIVE THEM A CHANCE
↓
HELP IF NEEDED
↓
KEEP GOING

Try saying:

- "Try that again."
- "Look at that word again."
- "What would make sense here?"
- "Let's go back and read that sentence again."



Give them a chance to work it out first.

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ENCOURAGE

Your encouragement makes a big difference!

- "I noticed you kept going!"
- "That was smoother that time!"
- "You figured that word out!"
- "I can hear your reading getting stronger."
- "You worked really hard on that!"



Celebrate effort and growth, not just getting every word right.

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CELEBRATE

Notice and celebrate the little wins!

Maybe today the student:

- Read a sentence more smoothly
- Recognized a word they struggled with yesterday
- Used expression
- Corrected their own mistake
- Read for longer without giving up

*Little moments
lead to big growth!*



Every page they read with you is another ***mile on the tongue***—and another step toward becoming a confident reader. ♥



THANK YOU FOR BEING AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR STUDENTS' READING JOURNEY!