

School Safety/Climate Team
for
Bullying Awareness & Prevention
Estell Manor School District



School Theme: Caring & Sharing

~School-wide Activities~

November Reading Buddies

Date: November 20

Period: 2nd Period

Location: Lower Grade Classrooms

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December Reading Buddies

Date: December 18

Period: 2nd Period

Location: Lower Grade Classrooms

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Reading Buddies

Partnering for a Positive School Experience

Students in grades 5 through 8 will read with younger students.

The students in the upper grades will receive a bag of books and an activity sheet. The upper grade teacher will hand out the books to their students and walk their class to their assigned lower grade classroom.

Upon arrival, both the upper grade and lower grade teachers can partner the students as they best see appropriate.

Students will spend 20 minutes reading a book together and will work to complete an activity sheet.

After the program is over, please place all books and activity packets to the bag and return to The School Counseling Office.

Literature

Partnered Grades	# of Students in the Younger Grade	Literature Series Title
8 th Grade & 3 rd Grade	23	<i>Magic Tree House</i> (Mary Pope Osborne)
7 th Grade & 4 th Grade	19	<i>Encyclopedia Brown</i> (Donald J. Sobol)
6 th Grade & 2 nd Grade	19	<i>Geronimo Stilton</i>
5 th Grade & 1 st Grade	13	<i>A to Z Mysteries</i> (Ron Roy)
Kindergarten	20	*A Selected Staff Member will read to Kindergarten.

Partnering for a Positive School Experience

Reading Buddies Program

Activities

Reading Buddies Dates:

November 20

December 18

Time:

**Location:
Lower Grade
Classrooms**

An important aspect of school climate involves the interactions between the older students and the younger students.

By fostering positive interactions between these student groups, school climate can improve and both the younger students and the older students benefit: the younger students now see a role model, a leader, and a helper in their school; the older student gains an increased feeling of responsibility, higher self esteem, and now has a vested interest in their school.

The Reading Buddies program is grounded in this philosophy and the School Safety/Climate Team for Bullying Awareness & Prevention organizes this program as part of our “Caring & Sharing” activities.



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Teacher Resources

Topic	Websites
Caring & Sharing	http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/article/how-create-caring-classroom-community
Bullying Prevention	www.stopbullying.gov www.glsen.org www.stompoutbullying.org
Alcohol & Drug Awareness	kidshealth.org www.drugabuse.gov/publications/drugfacts/high-school-youth-trends connectwithkids.com/101117_alcohol/

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

During the months of November & December, our school will be taking part in our much-enjoyed Reading Buddies program. Spending time reading together provides a wonderful opportunity to promote our theme of Caring & Sharing.

During our reading buddies program, lower grade students are paired with an upper grade student. The upper grade student will spend time reading with the lower grade student in an effort to foster a love of reading and provide an enjoyment out of reading together. After the reading, the older students and younger students will work together on an activity booklet filled with activities that promote: friendship, character education, bullying prevention, and healthy choices for healthy lives.

Our Reading Buddies program provides opportunities for older students to come together with our younger children and enjoy reading together. Research shows that reading to others bolsters a student's sense of confidence and reading abilities, and fully engages the younger child with imaginative words and pictures. The Reading Buddies program allows the older children to serve as mentors and guides throughout the reading and activity sheets provided as part of our program. The Reading Buddies program is a much-loved tradition among all of the students of Estell Manor School, and we've found that they look forward to their time together with great fondness and excitement.

If you have any questions regarding the program, please feel free to contact the school.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Jill Marie Kuppel, M.A., School Counselor
Estell Manor School District