



The United Way Reading Buddy Program will enter its 6<sup>th</sup> year, supporting our schools, teachers and students struggling to read at grade level.

*When students are not reading at grade level by 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, they are 4 times more likely not to graduate on time or at all.*

Last school year, 184 Reading Buddy volunteers served 800 students in 28 elementary schools.

But, we have schools on a waiting list and more students to reach!

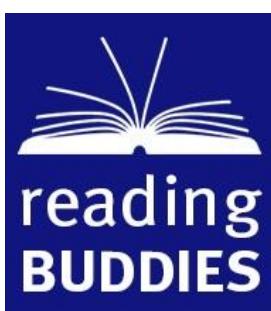
*Lincoln Elementary in our temple neighborhood would like Reading Buddy help in their school.*

About 1 hour a week is all it takes to help change the life of a child. Help students sound out tricky words, learn new vocabulary, build comprehension skills and become a stronger, more confident reader. The experience will enrich your life too.

Orientation is required.

Sign up today at [www.unitedway-thurston.org/united-way-reading-buddy-program](http://www.unitedway-thurston.org/united-way-reading-buddy-program). Click the button that reads CLICK HERE TO GET STARTED. For questions contact Marisela at 360-943-2773, ext. 124.

*Join us, won't you?*



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