



Collister Reading Buddy Program

What is this program?

The Collister Reading Buddy Program is a collaborative program with the Collister Neighborhood Association to provide "reading buddies" to the students at Collister Elementary.

Why is it needed?

Many of the Collister parents are working parents, and cannot come in to volunteer. Studies have shown that volunteers in the classroom can make a big difference especially when it comes to one-on-one reading support for children.

What will I be doing?

The main duty will be to listen to children read. As you work with the teacher, you may feel comfortable doing other reading-help tasks as well. Reading out loud to someone is one of the best ways for a child to become a proficient, fluent reader

What are the qualifications?

It's not difficult! We need people who are dependable, willing to work with children, and who have at least 30 minutes a week to volunteer. The Boise School District requires a background check of all non-parent volunteers, at no cost to the volunteer.

What is the time commitment?

As little or as much as you want! At the minimum we would like to guarantee the teachers a volunteer who can come in once a week for at least 30 minutes. The time of day is typically in the morning, but is negotiable depending on the teacher.

Is there a training involved?

The training is minimal. You will be provided with a one-on-one orientation, introduction and instruction by the school's Volunteer Coordinator. This will involve meeting the principal and teacher, getting familiar with the school, and receiving a Reading Buddy folder, which includes a volunteer handbook and other information.

How do I become a Collister Reading Buddy?

If you are interested in the Collister Reading Buddy program, please contact Laurie Anderson, the Volunteer Coordinator.

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Thanks!!!