# Reading Buddies Program Information for Family of Little Buddy

### What is the Reading Buddies Program?

The reading buddies program was created to ignite the love and interest of reading to budding readers and to encourage and celebrate their efforts.

#### How does it work?

Big Buddy meets once a week for 45 minutes with Little Buddy on Zoom. Each participant will need a computer with speakers (or headphones), a microphone and a web cam. The program is one on one between Big Buddy and Little Buddy. Big Buddy will be Little Buddy's mentor, and Little Buddy will be inspired by Big Buddy. This program should be enjoyed by both Little Buddy and Big Buddy.

This is a self-led program where the communication between Big Buddy and Little Buddy's family is important. Arrangements for absences, etc are between them.

\*\*Please make sure your child logs onto Zoom on time, and please let us know if you are not sure how to use Zoom or do not have access to a device for Zoom. If your child is not able to attend the program for any reasons, you will need to contact your child's Big Buddy, and if you cannot reach your child's Big Buddy, please contact Jun at <a href="mailto:readingbuddyinmission@gmail.com">readingbuddyinmission@gmail.com</a>.

## What happens during the program?

The session may start with small talks for Big Buddy to find out Little Buddy's interests, strengths and weaknesses. We want Big Buddy and Little Buddy to enjoy their time together and for Little Buddy to build up confidence in their reading and comprehension. Once Little Buddy is ready to start, Little Buddy will read a book that they have chosen by themselves or with Big Buddy's help while Big Buddy listens to Little Buddy. Big Buddy will correct any mistakes made by Little Buddy and ask Little Buddy questions to check Little Buddy's reading comprehension.

## How can I apply?

Please click this link and fill out the form. <u>Little Buddy Application Form</u>. If you have any questions, please email the coordinator, Jun Park at readingbuddyinmission@gmail.com.