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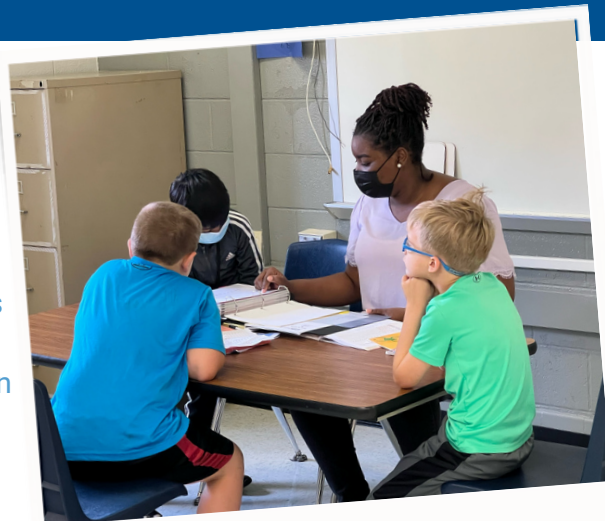


Black River United Way

# READING BUDDIES

Black River United Way is proudly working directly with teachers and principals to target the most at-risk students and ensure they have the support they need.

Reading Buddies Program connects business professionals and community stakeholders to Pre-K through 2nd-grade students who need extra support in reading. These children are known as striving readers.



## HOW IT WORKS

- **RECRUIT:** Black River United Way will recruit volunteers to read 1 on 1 to Pre-K, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Graders who need help building foundational reading capacity
- **READ:** Volunteers review letter names, letter sounds, and sight word drills with Pre-K through 2nd Graders. Reading Buddies will provide 30-minute 1 on 1 or small groups tutoring 1-2 times per week
- **INSPIRE:** Students to focus more on reading strategies and help them reach their reading level or beyond



### The outcomes are significant:

- Reading practice, reading motivation, and reading improvement
- Improved self-esteem
- Ongoing and consistent community engagement

### Reading Buddies Material Includes:

- Alphabet magnet set
- Sight word deck
- Alphabet book
- Verbal Pathways For Letter Formations
- Construction Papers and Markers
- Big 5 Curriculum Binder

