

## Little Rouge Public School

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## **VOLUNTEER READING PROGRAM - HELP NEEDED!**

Dear Parents, Family Members, Guardians,

We are very excited about launching our Volunteer Reading Program to support our Primary students! This program involves:

- Reading one on one with students from one of our Kindergarten to Grade 2 classes
- Working with the students on levelled texts to practise reading fluency and reading comprehension skills
- Helping the students select an appropriate book to take home for nightly home reading

In the past, we have had great results with this program related to improvement in the students' reading and comprehension skills. There is no doubt that when children have the opportunity to read with an adult every single day, their achievement levels increase! Last year, students in all Kindergarten to grade two classes had been given the opportunity to read with volunteers on a daily basis and we would like to provide that same opportunity to the students again this year.

Thus, we are looking to our school community to continue building our volunteer network and support this very valuable program. What we are asking for is a commitment of a 2 hour block of time 1 day a week (or more, if available). We try to place you in your child's class, if applicable, and, after feedback last year, we have decided to be more flexible about when the program is offered during the day to best support teachers, students and volunteers. This time frame can be discussed with the teacher once you are assigned to a class. If you are concerned that you may not have the necessary skills for this, don't let that deter you as we will be providing training for you around effective strategies to use when reading with children!

If you are interested in being a part of our Volunteer Reading program, please complete the form below and return it to school with your child by  $\underline{Friday}$ ,  $\underline{November\ 1^{st}}$ . You will be contacted shortly thereafter to finalize the details of your support.

| Thank you in advance for your support! |                        |                                       |
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| Child's/Children's                     | Name, Grade & Teacher: |                                       |
| Days Available M                       | T W TH F               |                                       |

Please note - This invitation is not restricted to families who have children in a Primary grade - we welcome all interested parents and family members!