



READING BUDDIES

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- 1. What is a Reading Buddy?**—A Reading Buddy is a volunteer classroom reader.
- 2. Am I assigned a class?**—Yes. Each Reading Buddy has a second grade classroom assigned to them for the year. Better Basics, Rotaract’s strategic partner, will help select a classroom for you and connect you with the teacher.
- 3. Can I pick which school I go to?**—Yes. You can note your school preference on the volunteer form and Better Basics will try to place you there if there is room. Otherwise, they will work with you to find a school that is convenient.
- 4. What is the time commitment each month?**—Each Reading Buddy is asked to read to their assigned classroom two (2) times per month. You are asked to set a regular schedule with the teacher (i.e. 1st and 3rd Mondays).
- 5. How long will I be in the classroom?**—Reading a book from the Ready 2 Read library and interacting with the students takes about 30-45 minutes. You can do it on your lunch break!
- 6. What if I’m nervous reading aloud to 25 second-graders?**—You should be... they are a tough audience! 😊 Better Basics will provide volunteer training prior to your first classroom visit.
- 7. Do I have to volunteer for the entire school year?**—Yes and No. The program runs from September through spring break.
- 8. What if I can’t make one of my scheduled reading times?**—Let Better Basics know and they can find a substitute.
- 9. What books do I read?**—Ready 2 Read has placed a library of 128 books in every second grade classroom, so you should have plenty to choose from. These books will be placed in your classrooms prior to your first visit.
- 10. As a Rotaract member, why should I do this?**—Ready 2 Read is OUR project! In many ways it has made Birmingham Rotaract what it is today. But the project is only as strong as its volunteer base. That’s where YOU are needed.

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