



GRAND Pals Can Make an Awesome Difference!

If you want to help children succeed in school and life...

If you think tutoring is too difficult...

If you're wondering how it feels to make a difference...

Give a child the gift of literacy.

Research shows that children who read well in the early grades carry that success throughout their academic careers. That's why GRAND Pals are such a vital resource for the children of Guilford County. Second graders who participate in a special tutoring program called Reading Together will get better test scores in school. But just as important, they will benefit socially and emotionally from the one-on-one caring you can give as a tutor.

GRAND Pals makes it simple.

A site coordinator at the school where you volunteer will prepare you for your role as a tutor. The same coordinator will supervise the classroom during every meeting with your student, and meet with you and other tutors when the lessons are over. You'll follow a Reading Together guidebook with simple step-by-step instructions.

Change a child's life!

You'll discover the wonderful feeling of success and accomplishment that comes with giving a child lifelong skills and motivation to learn. It will change your life, too!

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How can I become a GRAND Pals tutor?

✓ **Check your calendar.** Tutoring requires a serious time commitment. Your student will come to expect you at the regular time, and will be disappointed when you can't be there. Tutoring requires about two hours a week for about four months, beginning January 2004.

In addition, Reading Together tutoring requires training. Unlike informal reading buddy programs, you will be making a real difference in the way your student achieves in school. This requires two three-hour training sessions before you meet your second grader. It's a big investment in time, but one with big dividends!

✓ **Check your map.** GRAND Pals will be operating in five schools across Guilford County. Chances are there is one near you. You will go to the same location for training and the actual lessons, and you will have the chance to discuss your experiences with other GRAND Pals. Pick the school and time that work best for you:

Bessemer Elementary, 918 Huffine Mill Rd., Greensboro – Wednesday & Thursday, 2:45-3:45 p.m.

Fairview Elementary, 608 Fairview St., High Point – Monday & Wednesday, 8:15-9:15 a.m.

Peck Elementary, 1601 West Florida St., Greensboro – Monday & Wednesday, 7:45-8:45 a.m.

Sumner Elementary, 1915 Harris Dr., Greensboro – Tuesday & Thursday, 2:45-4:15 p.m.

Union Hill Elementary, 3523 Union Hill Ct., High Point – Monday & Thursday, 1:00-2:00 p.m.

✓ **Check your commitment.** It is important to give back to the community and share the wealth of knowledge you have accumulated. And it's even more important for a child to find a friend and mentor to count on. Please consider becoming a GRAND Pal. And please consider inviting a spouse or friend to join you!

Anyone 16 years or older who enjoys reading can be a GRAND Pal.

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