Attendance Policies

- We ask that your child make a commitment to attend as many of the scheduled meetings as possible. If you must miss one, please notify the coordinator in advance.
- If vacation and camp plans mean that your child will miss three or more meetings, please consider signing up for next summer's Writing Buddies program instead.
- Please arrive on time!

Questions? Please contact the Reading Buddies Coordinator at 303-665-5200 or sarahd@cityoflafayette.com

Visit the Reading Buddies home page: www.cityoflafayette.com/readingbuddies

"Friend" Reading Buddies on Facebook and follow us on Pinterest! (Search for "Reading Buddies Lafayette Colorado")

"I loved exposing the Little Buddies to new forms of writing. The happiness that I felt after helping the kids always made my day."
—Big Buddy, summer 2012

"I think the program put writing in a better light for our son. He most liked having the freedom to choose his style and topic and to write with friends."

—parent of Writing Buddy, summer 2012

Young writers working on their graphic novels, summer 2012

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Writing Buddies Application (students in grades 4-6)

Today a reader, Tomorrow a leader.

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What is Writing Buddies?

Writing Buddies is: a free program where trained teen volunteers lead younger kids through a series of creative writing activities, including brainstorming, revising, and editing.

Writing Buddies is designed to encourage your child to explore a variety of genres under the guidance of a teen mentor who loves to write.

Writing Buddies is NOT: a tutoring service for your child. The volunteers are neither qualified nor expected to teach your child to write scholastic essays.

Who can participate?

- Students who will be in grades 4-6 in the fall are eligible.
- Students must be able to **attend all—or almost all—of the meetings**.
- We prefer that the participants genuinely enjoy writing or at least are open to the idea of taking a summer writing class. If your child is not at all interested in this program, please don't force him or her to attend; rather, let us offer that space to another child who truly wants to be here.

Tell me more!

Who are the Big Buddies?

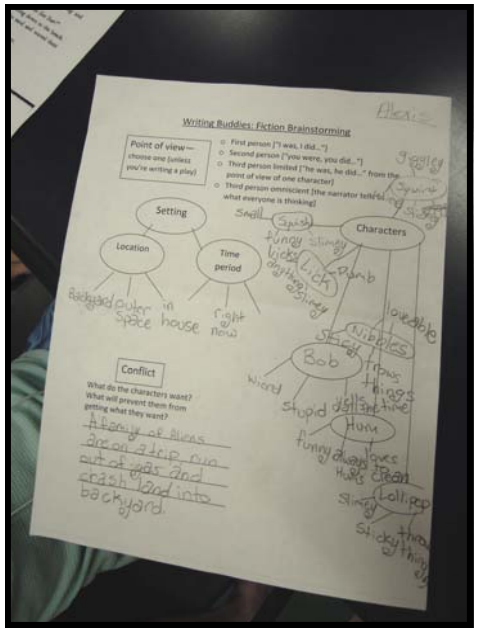
Experienced high school and college Big Buddies will serve as the Writing Big Buddies. These volunteers love reading and writing, enjoy working with younger children, and want to give back to their community. They receive training before and during the program.

How is it structured?

- Each day, the Big Buddies will lead the class through one or two creative writing activities.
- The Big Buddies will work in small groups with the same Writing Buddies each meeting. They will do brainstorming, prewriting, and editing together.
- On the last day, the Buddies will present one of their favorite original pieces. They will also receive a booklet with each other's writings and a free book.

How do I sign my child up?

- Submit the application no later than **Wednesday, May 22.** Space is limited, so we strongly encourage you to apply early. Priority is given to Lafayette residents and children who attend Lafayette schools.
- Applications are available in the library and online at www.cityoflafayette.com /readingbuddies.
- The program will take place on **Tuesday mornings, 10:00-11:00 am, from June 4 through July 23** (no meeting July 2).



"The Big Buddies were stupendously awesome!" —Writing Buddy, summer 2012