

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.”
—Writing Buddy mentor



“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 student



Young writers working on their graphic novels

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Writing Buddies Application (rising 4th-7th graders)

**Today a reader,
Tomorrow a leader,**



**Reading Buddies Program
Lafayette Public Library**

Summer 2014

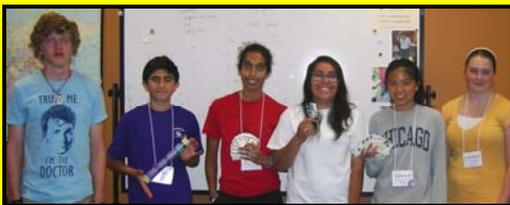
What is Writing Buddies?

Writing Buddies is: a free class in which teen volunteers lead younger kids through a series of creative writing activities. Its goal is to encourage your child to explore a variety of genres under the guidance of a 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 grammar, spelling, or academic writing.

Who can participate?

- Students who will be in grades 4-7 in the fall are eligible.
- Students who are able to attend all—or almost all—of the meetings.
- Students who like to read and write! If your child is not interested in participating, please don't force him/her to attend; rather, let us offer that space to another child who truly wants to be here.



Summer 2013 Writing Buddy Mentors

Tell me more!

Who are the Big Buddies?

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

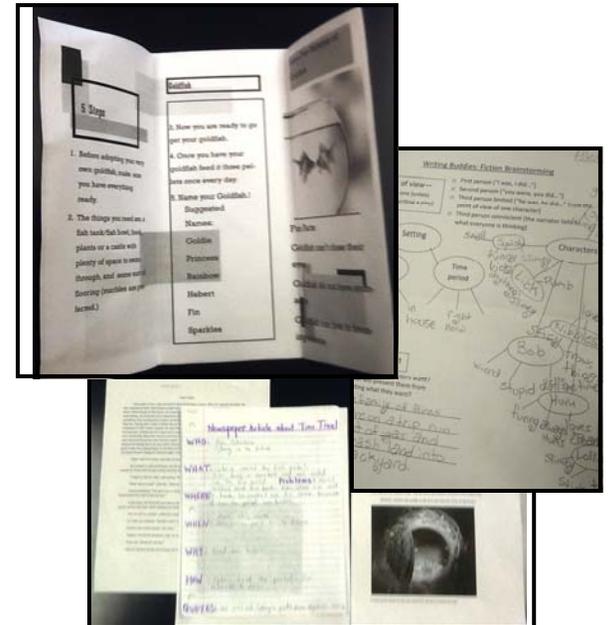


How is it structured?

- On the first day, the mentors will help the Little Buddies develop a plot which they will then use as the basis for a short story, a play, a graphic novel, poetry, and a nonfiction work.
- Each day, the mentors will present mini-lessons and/or lead activities.
- The mentors will then work in small groups with the same Writing Buddies during each class to do brainstorming, prewriting, and editing together.
- During a presentation for families on the last day, the Buddies will share the piece they are most proud of.

How do I sign my child up?

- Submit the application no later than **Saturday, May 31**. 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, 10:30-12:00 am, from June 10 through July 22**.



"The Big Buddies were stupendously awesome!" —Writing Buddy student