

Book Buddies CDCA Alumni Reading Program

We LOVE having former students stop in and say hello... once a CDCA family, always a part of our CDCA family. ❤️ Therefore, we are especially excited to offer an opportunity for our alumni to share a story with our current classes!

Beginning this January and extending into March, we will be welcoming special guest readers, "**Book Buddies**", to join us for storytime at the end of our school day.

Once the calendar is finalized, parents of CDCA alumni will have the opportunity to visit the school website and reserve a "**Book Buddy**" date by contacting Debbie Karban at (952) 431-2025. Available dates will be filled on a first come first serve basis.

If your child is interested in participating in our "**Book Buddies**" program, hooray! We welcome all levels of readers - from those just starting out to alumni who are proficient. Our students really enjoy being read to and are often mesmerized by the story when the reader is someone other than an adult.

Here are a few things to consider when helping your guest reader prepare for their "**Book Buddy**" day:

*** Help your child choose a story that is both **familiar** to them and **easy for them to read**. Picture books that tend to be shorter in length are great options. Please note that **all books are subject to approval by Mrs. Karban** so it would be good to have a few books in mind.

*** **Practice builds confidence!** Set your reader up for success by encouraging them to practice their presentation skills on you, their siblings, the family pet or an audience of their stuffies / action figures.

*** If you have **multiple family members** who would like to read to our classes, they can **all read on the same day!** Simply follow the steps outlined above and stick to a shorter story for each child to read.

Many of the "**Book Buddy**" dates correspond with days that the surrounding districts have off. While we would like to accommodate every family who is interested in participating, it may not be feasible at this time. Depending on how this program is received, more dates may be added in future years. Watch for more information about our "**Book Buddies**  Alumni Reading Program" on our website this fall.

