Parent Letter Explaining Service Project

Dear Parents,

Our class will be working on an Academic Service Learning Project. We are very excited to be starting a Reading Buddies program to help our younger schoolmates become eager readers, learn new words and read new books. We will learn and practice how to be good mentors.

Before we begin, we will receive our initial training from _____. We will learn how to be effective Reading Buddies. We will learn what the expectations are for us and also what we can expect from our_____ graders. We will also review sight words and help create a Word Wall in their classroom. We hope to expand this activity into an in-class club and read to our Buddies often.

We hope to learn a lot from our experiences. We will be keeping a Learning Log that will help reflect on what we learn during the project. The goal for our project is for us to recognize philanthropy as a way to give back to the school community. Philanthropy is defined as *the giving of our time, talent, or treasure for the common good*. A final product will be the construction of a Word Wall that will show all of the words that our Reading Buddies learned during the project. We will invite you to see the finished Word Wall and to celebrate our reading Buddy activity.

We hope this program is a success and that all of the children have a great time!

Sincerely,