Reading Buddies Fosters Social Change

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Mission Statement
Reading buddies is a program intended to help struggling readers reach their target reading level without feeling that they are being punished with extra work.

Ways in which Reading Buddies carries out its mission:
• By reading chapter books.
• By playing literacy games such as Apples to Apples and Bananagrams.
• By helping the buddies create their own book.

Program Format
Each St. Lawrence student in the program works one-on-one with a 3rd or 4th grade buddy to not only help them make crucial gains in literacy, but also form an important and positive bond with their older buddy.

Reading Buddies: a model institution for demonstrating effective leadership
• Instill belief and confidence in them such that they feel their ideas are good ones.
• Instill positive morals, ethics, and long term goals by being a role model.
• 3 of the 7 C’s of the Social Change Model: collaboration, commitment, and common purpose.

Two Visits to SLU
• One Wednesday, the buddies came to St. Lawrence University to see the campus and play games.
• On the final week of the program the buddies visit St. Lawrence University again for a movie day.