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 **Village Leadership Academy Reading Mentor Program Application**

Research suggests that the fastest and most effective way to improve young people’s reading is to read with them. So this program is beautiful in its simplicity; you will listen to a student read as well as read to the student to demonstrate fluency.

While you are encouraged to ask questions before, during, and after reading, students won’t fill out any worksheets or complete any formal assignments. The emphasis of this program is to spend as much time actually engaged in a text with the scaffold of a supportive adult.

The program will run on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:30-4:30pm through the end of May. You will be matched with one or two elementary students who are struggling with reading in the 4th-7th grade at Village Leadership Academy.

You will be given a short training, a comprehension bookmark with questions to ask while you are reading, a decoding handout for students struggling with decoding, and some reading pointers to follow along in the text.

The student will have his or her own book, poem, or article so all that is required is that you make a commitment to consistently show up to work with your mentee. (If you wish to bring in your own favorite books to read together, that is welcome too). Your positive relationship with your mentee will foster a love of reading and help them gain the skills the need.

**BOLD** AVAILABLE DAYS:

1) Availability: Monday Wednesday

2) How many hours do you wish to volunteer each week? 1 or 2?

3) Why do you want to be a reading mentor?

4) Why would you make a good reading mentor?