

Ideas for Book Buddies

- Partner with another class so that everyone has a book buddy.
- Plan on about 20-30 minutes (once a week if possible) to meet as Book Buddies.
- Choose authors and illustrators to highlight for the buddy. For example, all Eric Carle, Dr. Seuss, etc.
- Younger students can make concept books to read, focusing on patterns, rhyming words, tracking, etc.
- Pick a theme (seasons, holidays, etc.) and read books related to that theme.
- Read a non-fiction book together, do research, and create a book.
- Host “books, brownies, and buddies,” and allow students to enjoy a treat while they read!
- Have the older students choose a book and model a comprehension strategy.
- Write letters to each other about the book (or write to a character from the story).
- Do art together: Type up directions for an art activity. Have the older student read the directions to the younger student. Only the younger student can actually cut, glue, etc. After the art project is made, have the younger student tell the directions to the older student.
- Jump Rope Jingles: Have students read and learn some jump rope jingles ahead of time. Go outside and jump while singing the jingles.
- Share a Thanksgiving treat together while reading or make it together while reading.
- Brown Bag Lunch and Learn: Have students picnic together and teach each other something related to non-fiction reading.