


# BOOKPARTNERS



## Literacy Program

A unique school-based program for children offering both academic and emotional support through one-to-one mentoring.



A Program of:

Methodist Children's Home Society  
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## A Typical Day

BookPartners runs after school for one hour a day, twice a week for our 2nd grade students. Each session begins with a refreshing snack.



For the first few minutes, we read for enjoyment.

We then move on to the lesson which has a conversational style and is designed as a bridge for communication and to foster comprehension. Each lesson is designed to be consistent, predictable and familiar. This style promotes confidence and security which are important to children if they are to feel successful.

We conclude with vocabulary and word recognition skills.

The feeling you get when you see a child's face light up just can't be equaled.

Our need for mentors is great. If you or any adult member of your family are able to volunteer, or if you know anyone who might like to help a child learn to read, please take a moment to fill out the attached form and drop it in the mail today!

The children are depending on YOU!

# “It Matters To This One.”

The United States has witnessed an alarming rise in the number of young people who graduate from high school without basic social skills.



In our effort to curb this trend, BookPartners stresses several basic behaviors for children.

**Accountability:** At each session, we provide each child with a book to take home to read to someone, or have someone read to them. At the following session, the child and mentor will discuss the book that the child read at home. Everything must be returned for the next class before the child receives a different book. The child is learning to be accountable.

**Attendance:** There is an incentive to attend each session and arrive on time. The child is learning to be responsible.

**Effort:** We encourage the students to work hard.

**Manners:** Good behavior, eye contact, answering properly, saying please and thank you and respect for others are stressed within the program.

**Neatness:** From the first day, throughout the program, we encourage the children to always do their best work.



Approximately 37 million young people ages 7-18 live in the United States. Of those, about half could benefit greatly from a high-quality formal mentoring relationship with a caring adult. Many children face especially difficult circumstances:

- 1 in 4 lives with only one parent
- 1 in 10 is born to teen parents
- 1 in 5 lives in poverty
- 1 in 10 will not finish high school

Because of the daily demands of work and family, many parents have less time to spend with their children and overworked teachers are often unable to provide individual attention to students.

Children often lack traditional, positive role models once provided by extended families, long-time neighbors, and family friends.

BookPartners provides children with a chance to participate in a unique school-based program for 7-9 year olds.

We have a coordinator present each day to assist. There are 12 students and their mentors in a classroom.

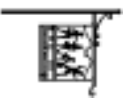
The goal of the Methodist Children's Home Society through the BookPartners program is twofold. First, we strive to end the cycle of illiteracy. The children in our programs are from the poorest neighborhoods and have the least exposure to books and language. Second, we see this as an opportunity to help instill good values and raise self-esteem in children.

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# Mentoring Program

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



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