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To whom this may concern,

There's a second grade class in Oakland Elementary who is need of help. The students are reading below grade level. Most of them are in poverty or in a stressful home environment. Eighty-eight percent of them are at least a year behind in literature. Sadly, thirty-eight percent of them are two or more years below the level they should be. Studies show that students who have difficulties in the beginning of their reading career make strong negative opinions about literature. One of our goals is to create a love for reading before they create a never changing viewpoint. We intend to help Ms. Rogstad's second grade class of Oakland Elementary.

Our solution to the fact that our second grade buddies are falling behind on their reading is to give them the opportunity to read. Research from Ramos and Krashen in 1998, Cho and Krashen in 2002 reads, "A single, brief exposure to good reading material can result in a clear increase in enthusiasm for reading." This proves that if we get them nice books, we can change their whole opinion on reading. We will have a book drive, to get some new and fun books for our friends.

Additionally, we'll try to host a group reading between us and our buddies, and give them bookmarks to keep track of their reading. This will hopefully allow them to skyrocket in their reading progress and they can have fun at the same time. Our goal is that by the end of this project, our buddies will be at or above grade level in reading. According to NCLD, a child who has a bookshelf will learn to respect books and will feel more responsibility. Our group wants to help with the fact. We decided to take small boxes and turn them into a decorated bookshelf for our buddies homes. Our goal is for them to be able to fill their book shelf with books we'll get from the drive. Our buddies need our help and we're happy to deliver and give them the joy they deserve!

We've mentioned a lot of ways to help but how will we do it? Hopefully, we'll include some small companies in the donating. After that, we will educate people around us about poverty and our buddies school and ask for donations. As for the book shelves, we as students can provide the small boxes. Thirdly, most of us have books we've outgrown or have younger siblings who don't need them. We will donate those books to our cause. Finally, we'll host a school wide book drive and involve other students in Coronado. We want to do a lot for our buddies for they deserve so much care and love and we have plans to get it for them.

In conclusion we hope to help struggling buddies in reading. We will fundraise and organize a book drive to earn money and reading material for our buddy's classroom. Additionally, we plan to host a reading between us and the second grade class of Oakland Elementary. We'll create personal bookmarks and bookshelves for each student. Finally, we hope to provide love and care for our buddies.

Sincerely,

Lexi, Laurel, Cooper, Jay