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Dear Fellow Reading Enthusiasts,

Do you remember when you were in second grade? Well this was a grade with lots of impact on life. Our second grade buddies at Oakland Elementary are below grade level in their reading. 88% of our buddies are below grade level by at least one year. 38% of their class is significantly below meaning that they are reading 2 or more years below grade level. It is serious at this young age. When we were in second grade, we loved to read. So, Theron, Ian, Talia, and I, Rebecca are doing our very best to catch them up in their literacy so they can learn to love it too.

This problem that our buddies are falling behind in literacy is extremely crucial. Studies have shown that if you are below grade level by fourth grade in reading, you are more likely to go to jail than the ones who are caught up or above where they are supposed to be. Studies also show that kids who get the help and materials they need can be proficient. Furthermore, kids who get help tend to do better in adulthood. There are many ways to do this.

We have come up with two of the most important ways to help our buddies learn to love literacy. To do this we are trying to raise money to get them the materials to help them grow because they do not have materials. They need nutritious snacks, books, and fun, encouraging, toys for these adorable friends to help engage. We hope to make unique book bags for every kid in the class. Inside the book bags we will give them a finger pointer, a small stuffed animal, a decorative pencil, and a mini notebook if we can raise enough funds. To help their reading we will get them a few books and a word citing sheet.

This will hopefully impact their life in a positive way because adulthood is not something you can just brush away, just like you cannot simply turn water into dust. We need your help to make sure our second grade buddies are prepared for later life.

With passion,
L2LL {Learn 2 Love Literacy}
Talia, Rebecca, Theron, and Ian