Dear Volunteer,

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Study Buddy at Janney Elementary School. You will meet younger children in the third through fifth grades. These girls and boys could use a positive role model who is interested in playing math and reading games, who may help with some homework, and who will explain and guide them to understanding basic math and reading challenges.

**Are you a positive role model?** Sure you are. Deep inside you remember that day in elementary school when you didn’t understand what the teacher was asking or how to begin to solve a problem. Now is your chance to help a girl or boy with that feeling. By reading together, solving math problems together, and making it fun, you may change another child’s world! A positive role model is patient, speaks clearly and slowly, asks questions to help guide, and is excited when their study buddy succeeds.

**What will a Study Buddy day look like?** You will arrive by 3:45 to meet up with your assigned Study Buddy. Each day you will read for twenty minutes with your buddy. Your buddy will read and you will pause to ask questions that encourage thinking and using the text to answer. The next twenty minutes you will work with them on problem solving basic math problems that may be story problems or basic computation. For the last fifteen minutes you will play a fast game based upon math or reading skills for fun! You’ll wrap up each day by 4:45.

We encourage you to get to know your Study Buddy and let them know that you are interested in what they are learning. Remember they are looking to you to believe they can succeed.

**If you are interested in being a Study Buddy, please fill out the attached information sheet and return it to Janney by Wednesday, October 22nd. You will need to come to a training session on Tuesday, October 28th or Thursday October 30th, from 3:35 to 4:45, where you will be given more detailed instructions on your roles and responsibilities. Study Buddies will start the first week in November.**

See you soon ☺

**Study Buddy Volunteer Application**

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Parent Email Contact: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Volunteer Email Contact: ­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Days available: Tuesday/Thursday (circle either or both days)

School Attending: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Current Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Do you have experience working with children? Yes No (circle one)

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| Briefly tell us why you want to be a Study Buddy? |

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| **Approval of Parent/Guardian**  I understand the aims, duties and responsibilities of Study Buddies and give my consent to have my child, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ serve as a Study Buddy at Janney.  Signature of Parent/Guardian |

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| **Approval of School Teacher**  I support the application of ­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (student name) for the Study Buddy program, and consider them able to provide support and act as a positive role model to Janney students enrolled in the program.  Signature Printed name of teacher |