

Reading with Rover Nomination Form for Children Grades 1-5

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Reading with Rover pairs certified therapy dogs with children who are uncomfortable reading aloud. Ideal for struggling readers, ESL learners, shy children, or those with low self-esteem. In this private setting, the dog provides his attention while the child reads aloud without fear of criticism or interruption. Parents, family members, caregivers and teachers can nominate a child for this special reading practice.

Children meet weekly at a local Henderson library and spend 45 minutes reading to an adoring canine reading buddy. Reading progress is tracked and all children are offered additional sessions, depending on their need and space availability. The dog's owner (and child's reading coach) assist the child as needed. In the end, everyone benefits. The dog loves the attention and the child improves important reading skills while gaining self-confidence. Reading becomes fun!

What grade level is this child currently reading at? _____

Does this child have any learning/physical disabilities we should be aware of? _____

Can this child commit to a six-week reading session? Yes No Does this child like dogs? Yes No

Can this child commit to a six-week reading session? Yes No Has this child repeated a grade level? Yes No

Is this child allergic to pet dander? Yes No

Child's name _____ Child's birthday _____

Child's Age _____ Grade _____ School _____ School year _____

Name of child's legal guardian _____ Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Preferred method of contact _____

Person nominating child (if different than above) _____ Relationship to child _____

Cell phone _____ Email _____ Preferred method of contact _____

Does the family know they have been nominated? Yes No

Please explain why you think this child would benefit from this one-on-one program. Please be detailed and use extra pages if necessary.

Reading won't be Ruff anymore!

Henderson Libraries *Reading with Rover* program is one of the nation's first Animal Assisted Literacy programs. With over 12 years of experience, our unique reading program has helped many children become better readers and more confident students.

Often poor readers have low self-esteem. This lack of confidence is seen in a resistance to reading practice. Since children are often more willing to interact with an animal than a person, the *Reading with Rover* program inspires a child to want to read! Children flourish from the reading support they receive, and the love, acceptance and emotional support they obtain from their therapy dog. Peer pressure and stress are removed. Negative feelings become positive feelings.



Research has shown children participating:

- Improve reading skills
- Advance in reading grade level
- Improve self-confidence and social skills
- Increase concentration on school work
- Increase completion of school assignments
- Show a decline in school absenteeism
- Physical and physiological relaxation
- Improved cognitive development
- Develop a respect for animals



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