

# ReadingPals

MENTOR TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE



# 45%

of children in Florida are NOT  
READY for Kindergarten.



# 51%

of students in Manatee County  
cannot read at a minimally proficient  
level by the end of 3rd grade.



Early intervention and individualized  
attention gives students the best  
likelihood of success.



## CAN YOU SPARE A HALF-HOUR TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIFE OF A CHILD?

ReadingPals provides mentors for at risk students in Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) programs to 3rd grade, through one-on-one instruction or small group settings.

Offered in Manatee County through the Early Learning Coalition of Manatee County, and the Manatee County School District under the direction of the Children's Movement of Florida.

Mentors meet weekly in person or virtually with 1-2 students at a time (total of 25 sessions).

Screening, training, mentor support and resources provided by the ELC of Manatee County.

Advice on literacy needs improvements for students provided by classroom teachers and parental consent for participation is required.

### For More Information:

Contact the ELC of Manatee County  
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### Become a Volunteer:

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