

# EVERY YEAR, ONE IN FOUR STUDENTS FAIL TO GRADUATE HIGH SCHOOL ON TIME.



**Become a ReadingPal  
and make a difference in Early Literacy**  
*(program highlights):*

- Volunteers matched one-to-one with a child in kindergarten, first or second grade
- Read to a child one hour per week for 25 weeks (September, 2013 – April, 2014)
- Program takes place through the After School program
- Choose your school, and choose your day (4:30-5:30pm)
- Weekly curriculum is already developed and tailored to children's reading needs!
- Receive training from United Way of the Big Bend, Leon County Schools, and Big Brothers Big Sisters so you can make the most out of this experience for you and the child

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***Help teach a child how to read, so they can read to learn later in life.***

***Volunteer today and show our kids that we care about them and want them to succeed.***

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**[www.uwbbreadingpals.org](http://www.uwbbreadingpals.org)**



**B**efore third grade a child learns to read. By fourth grade they read to learn. A child's reading skills in elementary school can dramatically influence the probability of high school graduation, so an early investment in a child during the elementary years is critically important.

## BE A READINGPAL AND BE PART OF THE SOLUTION.

**Power of the Purse**, a women's initiative of United Way of the Big Bend is improving the reading ability of children in Leon County. Research shows that caring adults working with kids can help boost academic achievement. ReadingPals relies on hundreds of volunteers every year to read one-on-one with children who have been identified through FCAT scores as struggling readers.

### Participating Schools:

1. Apalachee Elementary School
2. Astoria Park Elementary School
3. Bond Elementary School
4. Hartsfield Elementary School
5. Havana Elementary School
6. Oak Ridge Elementary School
7. Pineview Elementary School
8. Riley Elementary School
9. Ruediger Elementary School
10. Sabal Palm Elementary School
11. Springwood Elementary School
12. Woodville Elementary School



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