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San Juan Bautista, CA.
2nd Grade Summer Reading Tutorial Project

This little community makes big things happen.

San Juan Bautista is a small California community of about 1700 people overlooking the fertile San Juan Valley located between Watsonville and Hollister, Monterey and Gilroy. It is here that a group of community members concerned about the reading level of six 2nd Graders, partnered with Los Amigos de los Niños of California, Inc, and pulled together their time & talent as teachers, grandparents, religious and high school students to offer one-on-one reading tutorial sessions.

We completed our due diligence to ensure the small group model program provided the students with a high level of individual attention to address:

- ✓ What was interfering with their ability to read?
- ✓ What things are really of interest to them?

The answer to these two very simple questions resulted in a customized approach for each volunteer tutor to use with their student. The outcome at the end of the tutorial session: a whole new relationship for these children with books and the City Library.

The tutorial methodology engaged the students in reading books of interest to them, then journaling what the story meant for them.

One High School Tutor was fully engaged in the experience she gained by volunteering over 32 hours. *It helped build their confidence to read aloud. They were shy at first then they were really open to read to us.*

The San Juan Bautista City Library was the keystone for this program. The Library was a safe environment for parents to bring their students for their tutorial sessions. While here, the Tutorial Supervisor provided oversight of the group of volunteers who were conducting the 5 day per week 2-1/2 hour tutorial sessions.



A very special **Thank You** goes to our volunteers. Your time and talent has given these children a memorable summer experience and a gift of a lifetime ... you have helped them develop a basic skill that will enable them to be life long learners.

- ✧ Anissa Dizon
- ✧ Brianna Nieves
- ✧ Haley DeGroot
- ✧ Isabel Pereda
- ✧ Margaret Galvan
- ✧ Maria Vallejo
- ✧ Marie Cosgrove
- ✧ Dee Dee Hanania
- ✧ Noe Hernandez
- ✧ Shiela DeLuca
- ✧ Sr. Maria del Rey, S.A
- ✧ Toree Muxlow
- ✧ Yvonne Novack



Our High School volunteers demonstrated a high level of professionalism in coaching their students. We are partnering with their respective High School to ensure they get credit for their Community Service.

And a special thank you to Mr. Noe Hernandez for engaging your grand-daughters in this very important gift to The community.