



CHEEREADERS

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A free service project for
cheerleaders with little time and big hearts

How to Start a CheeReaders Program

The first thing your squad should do is contact the elementary schools around you to see which schools would like to get involved in this program.

Once you have determined what schools your team is going to be reading to, create a schedule of what days your team is going to visit the school. After that has been figured out, you can start assigning who's going to be going to the school and on what days. While the details are being figured out, it is a good time as a squad to select which books you're going to read them. You can get an idea of what books to read them from a number of places like, the CheeReaders website, their school's library, or the city's library.

We would love to receive pictures and updates of your visits to the schools so we can share your story on our website. Please email us your pictures and story's to Elizabeth at ESalsgiver@varsityspirit.com

Once you have a good system going on, share it with another school in your area!

CheeReaders was created by Hannah McRae Young to encourage young children to pick up a book and read. Entering her college years, Hannah realized she didn't have enough time needed to maintain and grow the program. So Varsity jumped in to help manage it! Thanks Hannah for starting this great program and for letting Varsity be a part of it!

Sample Letter to the Principal

Here is a sample letter of what to send to your local elementary schools.

Date

Dear (Principal),

My name is _____. I am a cheerleader at _____. CheeReaders is a new program that I would love to start at your school. It is a free, fun way to help emerging readers become more confident with their reading skills.

CheeReaders focuses on reading one-on-one with the student. The program is geared towards kindergarten through second grade. It takes between 20-30 minutes each session.

For more information about CheeReaders, visit www.cheeReaders.com

Signature,

Some Helpful Tips for Reading to the Children

Depending on the age of the reader, questions may have to be adjusted. You do not have to ask all the questions, just a couple to get a conversation going.

These are some general questions to guide you.

Plot

What is the story mostly about?

What do you think will happen next?

Conflict

What was the problem in the story? Who has a problem in the story?

How was the problem solved?

Characters

Who are the main characters in the story?

Compare/contrast two characters in the story?

Setting

Where does the story take place?

Tell me what the place was like?

Did the story take place a long time ago/now/in the future?

Theme

Do you think the author was trying to tell/teach/explain something?

Tone

How does the story make you feel?