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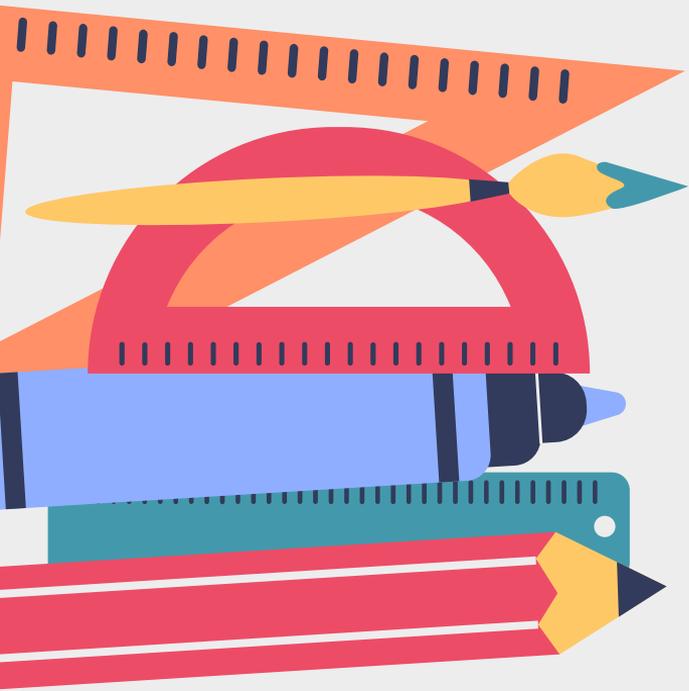
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Norbert's Buddies

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Virtual Tutoring adjusting with the pandemic

EDUC 130 Educational Psychology

10 Weeks

The Norby's Buddies program matches K-5 elementary students with St. Norbert College (SNC) students to support academic and social development learning. Two SNC buddies will meet virtually with two elementary buddies in groups of four, twice a week. Each session will be at least 30 minutes with interactive activities and academic support time. Elementary buddies will learn more about themselves, about college students and receive academic support. The SNC buddies are education majors who will gain experience working with children.

32 K-6
Buddies

45 SNC
Student
Buddies



486 Sessions

Student Quotes

“[My buddy] is always happy to learn, he loves sharing with me, and he is so excited to engage in games and brain breaks. It's rewarding to know that he is enjoying aspects of our tutoring sessions that much. He makes the experience easier to tackle and he makes it worth it.”

“One thing that is making me smile throughout this experience is that I am creating a bond with this student. And they enjoy coming to these sessions, and really wants to improve on themselves.”

“Interacting with our buddy and seeing her reactions to different topics and listening to her commentary when we read. It inspires me to continue tutoring and to keep studying in order to be a teacher someday.”

“It has been great seeing the progress being made and how skills have been building up. The student has been opening up about her life outside of school allowing us to build a trusting relationship.”

Parent Quotes

“The one on one attention is great!”

“She liked the opportunity to answer questions about herself and to share what she liked. She likes the one on one attention given by her tutors.”

“This program has been wonderful. [My kid] enjoys the time he has in Norby's Buddies. The social aspect is important and he can sometimes chat quite a bit sharing different things so the half hour goes very quick.”

“Both girls have made it fun AND educational. We are very excited for this opportunity.”

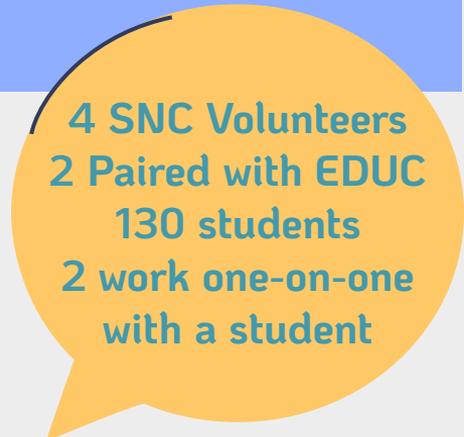
“They are doing a GREAT job! They have excellent patience and communication with [him.]”

Volunteers



7 Weeks
68 sessions

We recruited education majors outside of EDUC 130 to work one-on-one with a buddy. We placed the volunteers with k-6 buddies who were on our wait list. Volunteers still create lessons with SEL activities and homework help for their buddies.



4 SNC Volunteers
2 Paired with EDUC
130 students
2 work one-on-one
with a student



Student Quotes

“I love [my buddy’s] passion for learning and trying new things. It makes our sessions a lot of fun.”

“My buddy is always so excited to come to our meetings and with each meeting, his confidence in his reading abilities is clearly increasing each time.”

“Interacting with our buddy and seeing her reactions to different topics and listening to her commentary when we read. It inspires me to continue tutoring and to keep studying in order to be a teacher someday.”

“What is keeping me motivated is seeing my buddy understand the material and using his skills from week to week.”

Growing Stronger Together

The Growing Stronger Together Program provides tutoring in literacy skills and nurtures resilience, through the implementation of growth mindset language, to elementary age children attending an after school program. Tutoring is provided twice a week during the school year. Unique to the program is the ongoing training and coaching support tutors receive throughout programming. This program was adapted to run virtually this year!



St. Norbert College (Sturzl Center), Growing Resiliency, Inc., and the Green Bay Public School District After School Program have partnered to make this program possible. This year, we were also able to pair with the Y-Academy to provide tutoring to more students.





“Tutoring gives us a break, like learning and having fun at the same time.”

-GST Tutee

“It is fun because you get to learn new things!”

-GST Tutee

22 kids served
>300 sessions
10 tutors
>50 training sessions

Typical Session Outline:

1. Check-In: Feeling Thermometer
2. Introduction Activity that strengthens the partnership and fosters resilience
3. Academic Learning with implementation of growth mindset language