



Josh Reeds helps student Peyton Dale



Joyce Shew, second from left works with Bailey Fletcher left, and Kamarah Shrivvers.

Inaugural ‘Helping Hounds’ Volunteer Program Is Big Success

Paris Elementary School has reached out to the community of Paris and Bourbon County to develop a partnership for the benefit of students. This was the first year for the venture that saw twenty-seven volunteers from the community agree to commit one hour a week to help individual students with reading or math needs. The volunteering program is called “Helping Hounds” and has provided extra assistance to forty-eight students that benefit from some extra practice in reading and math skills. The volunteer “coaches” attended a volunteer orientation hosted by Paris Elementary to learn about their new roles. Coaches and their young partners play games, read together, and practice academic skills while enjoying one another’s company.

Paris resident, Sue Zarish shared, “I just wanted to let you know how much I am enjoying working with my two kids. I hope that I am able to make a positive contribution to their lives, even in a small way. Today, Ms. Lenhart and I had the chance to talk, and I feel so lucky to have been placed in her classroom. She has welcomed me with such warmth and kindness. I think that we have a good foundation for open lines of communication, and we are both excited to help the kids! So, I just wanted to give you some feedback, especially since this is a new endeavor. From my perspective, it is going very well and

is beneficial to everyone; kids, teachers, and volunteers. Thank you so much for establishing this worthwhile program.”

If you would like to get involved and dedicate an hour of service each week to help a student or two within our community, please contact Rachelle.Schjoll@paris.kyschools.us for more information. The school looks forward to expanding the program next year.



Debbie Lowe helps Kenedie Nolen.

Paris Elementary would like to thank the following businesses and local volunteers for their commitment to be a Helping Hounds coach:

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