

Regan Lawler, at right, and Rachael Szabo, far right, share their time with Richland second-grade students.



# Readers & future Leaders



*7th graders from Strayer Middle School recently spent a day sharing their love of reading with appreciative 2nd graders at Richland Elementary.*



With research supporting the benefits for both age groups when middle school students read with elementary students, Strayer Middle School seventh graders of reading teacher Bruce Russell met with Karen Hearn's second graders at Rochland.

The seventh graders were reminded as to how much they have grown as readers and also had the chance to show the second graders how to read with fluency, a skill that Hearn has been working on with her students.

"It's a real confidence booster for seventh graders as they are now the ones helping someone read," Russell said. "The second graders were so proud to share their reading ability, and practice their fluency with the Strayer kids."



Owen Mooney, above, listens to an Eagles' fan read, while Zack Mosko, below, in a Rams' jersey, does the same with his second grader.

Will Wilson, above, Mya Hibsman, below, and Elyse Fox, below center, are each flanked by Richland students enjoying the chance to interact with older students.

"Beyond the academics, seeing the excitement from the students well worth the time spent arranging the opportunity."

