

LETTER TO BIG BUDDY FAMILIES

Dear Families,

What if your dog could talk? Martha can! She is the star of the new children's television series *MARTHA SPEAKS* on PBSKIDS®. Each episode of *MARTHA SPEAKS* helps children learn new vocabulary.

At school, your child is part of a *MARTHA SPEAKS* Reading Buddies Program, where younger and older students are partners. As a Big Buddy, your child helps his or her Little Buddy as they watch a *MARTHA SPEAKS* show, read aloud a related book, talk together, and then do an activity. Being a Big Buddy can help your child gain confidence and leadership skills. Even though *MARTHA SPEAKS* is aimed at younger children, Big Buddies also learn new words and increase their ability to read fluently. Ask your child to tell you more about being a Big Buddy.

For more about *MARTHA SPEAKS*, check out the Web site at www.pbskids.org/martha. You can watch the series on your local PBS station, online at www.pbskids.org/go/video, or download episodes from iTunes. We are very excited about our new Reading Buddies Program and look forward to an enjoyable experience for all.

Sincerely,



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