LETTER TO LITTLE 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 introduces new words. Knowing lots of words helps children do better in school. At school, your child is part of a Martha Speaks Reading Buddies Program where younger and older students are partners. Together, they watch a Martha Speaks show, read a related book, talk together, and do an activity. Little Buddies and Big Buddies also get to be friends! Ask your child to tell you more about being a Reading Buddy and the words they are learning.

You can help your child learn new words too! Watch Martha Speaks together on your local PBS station, online at www.pbskids.org/go/video, or download episodes from iTunes. Check out the Martha Speaks Web site at www.pbskids.org/martha. Talk with your child about the stories and characters and try to use some of the new words from the shows.

We are very excited about our new Reading Buddies Program and hope you'll join us to make learning vocabulary exciting and fun!

Sincerely,









