



## PROGRAM BASICS

### PALS Reading Grades 2 - 6 Intervention

Developed at Vanderbilt University

#### A. Overview:

1. The PALS Grades 2 – 6 Reading program advances decoding and word identification, fluency, and comprehension of narrative texts for second through sixth grade students. The activities center around peers providing immediate feedback to each other in pairs.
2. The comprehension activities at second-grade introduce students to critical reading strategies that are often used by successful readers, including paragraph summaries and predicting future text.
3. For third through six-grade students, the PALS program continues to advance fluency and comprehension strategies through the introduction and application of three activities: Partner Reading with Retells, Paragraph Shrinking, and Prediction Relay.

#### B. Program Details:

1. All-in Materials - student materials, transparencies templates, and additional teacher resources like Teacher Command Card, Watching PALS Pairs Checklist, Triad Reading Schedule, Score Board, answer keys.
2. Schedule - 12 mandatory training days and 17 optional mini-lessons that take 35 - 45 minutes, 3 times a week.
3. Authors - Douglas Fuchs, Lynn S. Fuchs, Deborah C. Simmons, Patricia G. Mathes
4. 2008 Revised Edition

#### C. Costs:

1. PALS Reading - Grades 2-6 - All-in Manual includes Supplemental Materials in paper format: (102-RM) \$44.00
2. Alternative Manual formats include Supplemental Materials (SM) on CD or a Pen Drive are also available: (102-RCD) & (102-RPD) \$44.00
3. Optional - Demonstration DVD: (102-RDVD) \$15.00  
\*This DVD is a demonstration of scripted interactions between a teacher and student pair and is not a substitute for a training workshop.

#### D. Student Recognition/Rewards:

1. The Student Rewards and Recognition program has students earning points for every sentence read correctly. On the last day of PALS each week, the points are tallied. The second place team stands and receives applause and the winning team stands, receives applause and takes a bow.