

# SETTING THE TREND

helping the younger students

Wednesday afternoons the Teen Trendsetters end their day at school and drive to Idyllwild Elementary. There, they hear the tiny voices of the young second graders as they surround them. The Teen Trendsetters program pairs up high school students with elementary students for some one-on-one time. Here they serve as reading mentors for the younger children.

"What I like best about Teen Trendsetters is that I know I can connect with a child and help them improve their reading," said junior Adriana Tartaglia. Junior Marissa Bose shared the same thought, "I like the fact that I get to help and encourage a second grader learn to read."



[ABOVE] Dry-erase boards help get second grader Adrienna out of the usual routine. Adriana mentioned that she uses the board to doodle around with the student before they start reading.

[BELOW] Sophomore Rebecca Borchers strives to help her student as he reads from a book. She said "it takes a lot of patience to help...[he] can be a little fidgety."

When it comes to how to connect with the second grader, junior Victor Torres said, "I tried to find a common ground with him; something we were both interested in." Sophomore Victoria Viviano explained how she connects with her second grader. "We take turns with reading and spelling out words, that way he doesn't feel like I'm just sitting there quizzing him."

Overall, students love mentoring the children. Senior Syvan Doyle added, "My second grader says that I'm her new best friend!"

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[BELOW] Senior Nicole Romero spends time with Mikey before they begin their reading lesson in the classroom. "I like knowing that I'm helping him progress," she stated.



Second grader Charlie smiles candidly as he gets ready to work with his mentor, Victoria. She said that Charlie and her often giggle a lot during their time together as they get the work done.