Sample Project Calendar—Week #1 Children’s Literature Project

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| **Monday** | Project launch: Children’s Literature  
Project goals:  
1. Help your buddy become a “better reader”  
2. Help your buddy love reading so much that he/she will read for pleasure  
3. Secretly learn everything you can about your buddy because you are writing an original work of children’s literature to give as a gift to your buddy.  
Share Reading Buddy partnerships: 11th graders and 2nd graders  
Visit Elementary School for Reading Buddy Meet-Up #1—Meet our buddies & make progress towards our goals  
Reflections: Who is your buddy? How do you feel about our project goals? |
| **Tuesday** | Begin *The Great Gatsby*  
Pre-reading: live-action movie trailers: The Roaring 20’s, F. Scott Fitzgerald, Bootleggers & Organized Crime, WW1 & The Lost Generation, etc.  
Why read *Gatsby*? To influence our original novels (characters, plot, setting).  
Begin *Gatsby* Chapter One. |
| **Wednesday** | Prepare for Elementary Visit #2: Reading levels, reading strategies, and how to help a young reader.  
Visit Elementary School for Reading Buddy Meet-Up #2  
Bond with buddies, make progress towards our goals, try at least one strategy with our buddies.  
Reflections: What are you learning about your buddy as a reader? What are his/her strengths? How can you help your buddy? |
| **Thursday** | *The Great Gatsby* Chapter One discussion in class  
Character sketches for Tom, Daisy, Gatsby, Jordan, Nick  
Setting |
| **Friday** | Prepare for Reading Buddy Meet-Up #3 on Monday.  
Read *The Great Gatsby* Chapter Two |

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