



See Spot Read

In mid-November Underwood will welcome some new reading buddies. And they have four legs! That's right, thanks to an organization of service dogs and their handlers called **See Spot Read**, some of Mrs. Greene's and Mrs. Ware's students will have a chance to take turns reading with a canine friend.

According to a recent CNN article, the theory goes that “children who are just learning to read often feel judged or intimidated by classmates and adults. But reading to a dog isn't so scary. It won't judge, it won't get impatient, it won't laugh or correct if the child makes a mistake. In a nutshell, dogs are simply excellent listeners. And for shy kids or slow readers, that can make all the difference.”

(<http://www.cnn.com/2009/LIVING/10/22/dogs.irpt/index.html>)

If the visits go well, Linda Sparrow and her dog Currituck are willing to visit Underwood a couple times a month. So, if you see these new friends in the hall one day, be sure to give them a welcoming Bow-wow!