In 2017 Sandy Criddle took over a project that was 20 years in the making. Creating a specific program to help 3rd grade students increase their reading ability skills. A structured tutoring plan was put into place and volunteers were recruited. Each week the tutors would go to Sunrise Elementary to read with each student. Through this program I discovered my passion for service and had the opportunity to take over the program and continue helping students in need.

I took over the Reading Intervention club after Sandy graduated from Utah State. I used her materials and created something new and unique. This year I wanted the main goal to be helping the students fall in love with reading. By starting with the joy reading can bring the students become more willing to participate with tutors and will learn so much more. I recruited a large quantity of volunteers and held a training session for all newcomers.

Each tutor had the chance to work with their own student. By doing this the student and tutor could build a relationship. Students needs are targeted because of the one-on-one help, communication skills are developed and strengthened. The student's fluency & comprehension skills grow immensely from the beginning to the end.

This experience has truly been a gift. I have had the opportunity to grow a project that is sustainable and will continue to make a difference in a student’s life. A current scholar has taken interest in my capstone project and wants to continue the program into the 2020-2021 school year. I am thrilled to have someone interested in this project and willing to help it thrive into the future so it can continue to help all the students involved.