

## **PIA Tutoring Program**

Launched in September 2007 through our Peninsula Interfaith Action Committee (PIA), the tutoring program recruited 20 UUFRC and other volunteers to do literacy tutoring with small groups of children in K-5 classrooms at Roosevelt Elementary School. Pat Crawford is Volunteer Coordinator. Volunteers go to the school for one to two hours per week and helped with a variety of language arts activities—reading, writing, vocabulary development, and discussion. Roosevelt students and staff really appreciate our involvement; the school has few other regular volunteers so our presence is especially welcome.

New volunteers are always welcome. You do not need any teaching, tutoring or experience working with children to become a tutor. What you need are: enthusiasm, a love of learning and reading, empathy, flexibility, a respect for confidentiality, a respect for different cultures, and a positive attitude. Tutors are mentors as well as teachers, so develop relationships with the children is also important.

The initial tutor commitment is one to two times a week for hour-long sessions over a four/five month period: September to December or January through May. Orientation sessions are held in late summer or fall.

If you are interested or have questions about tutoring, please contact our volunteer coordinator DeeDee Stovel.