

## **PALS-AN AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM**

PALS, Partners and Learners, is an after-school program, which provides time for refreshments, academic support with homework, tests, projects, etc. and time for recreational activities. Radford University interns, in conjunction with their cooperating teachers, choose two middle level students each to participate two afternoons a week for ten weeks each fall. The partner school reimburses the University supervisor for the cost of the refreshments – chips, popcorn, cheese sticks, kool aid, punch, lemonade, etc.

Participants enjoy snacks from 2:45 – 3:00 PM. From 3:00 – 3:30 PM RU interns work with the students on homework, tests, projects, reading assignments, etc. From 3:30-4:00 is recreation time. RU provides basketballs, soccer balls, and footballs for outside recreation and games of all ability levels for inside enjoyment. RU interns who work with beading, knitting, etc. also involve students in these activities.

Parents are required to pick up their children at 4 PM. If this is not possible, the Boys and Girls Club, who is also meeting in the school building, has agreed to allow the PALS participants to join them until 5:30 when their parents are able to pick them up.