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CEDARVILLE, OHIO – The Cedarville University women’s volleyball team has a long history of service in the community. This year, wanting to connect with young members of the community through a new activity, the team “adopted” two elementary school classes at Cedar Cliff Elementary School.

Members of the team will read to a first- and second-grade class every Thursday or Friday for the rest of the semester. This half-hour story time will give the elementary teachers a small break while the team forms relationships with the children.

Families from Cedar Cliff supported the volleyball team during its season, so the team wanted to find a way to give back to the school. Stephanie Zonars, assistant athletic director for marketing and sponsorships, helped the team establish its “adopt a class” friendship with the Cedar Cliff teachers.

“We see a lot of families from Cedar Cliff come to our volleyball matches,” said student volleyball player Taylor Wilkerson, “so we want them to know that we love that they come support us!”

The volleyball team hopes that this “adopt a class” program will establish a fun and loving relationship between Cedarville students and Cedar Cliff teachers and children. The team wants to maintain its “adopt a class” activity and adopt a new class each spring.

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