

## Home Reading Program

Developing good reading habits is one of the most important aspects of your child's education. Research has shown that there is a direct link between experiences with books and successful reading. When you read aloud to your child or you share a book together, you give them a definite advantage!

Your child can practice and 'read' the book several times before returning it to school every Monday. Remember the more that children practice, the more progress they make! Please keep the book in the ziplock bag to protect it and then it can be enjoyed by many more students.

It is vital that your child feels confident and successful about reading. Always give them lots of praise and encouragement and make each reading experience a positive one. Remember that all students learn at their own rate and are at different stages on the learning continuum of letter recognition, letter sounds identification and reading.

It is not my expectation for children to read all the books, but it is an opportunity to spend a short time each night enjoying a book together. Children should be starting to become more aware of the strategies such as reading from left to right, distinguishing between a word and a letter, recognizing letters and their sounds as well as recognizing simple sight words (I, and, is, etc.). An adult or older sibling can share the book with the student by trying a few of the following ideas:

1. Be a ham! The more enthusiasm you display, the more your child will enjoy the book.
2. Have your child look at the pictures in the book before you read it and predict what they think happens in the story.
3. Look at who the author and illustrator are.
4. Read the title and identify the letters in it.

5. As you read, point to the words so that your child can make the connection that words and pictures tell the story.
6. Ask your child what their favorite part of the story is and who the characters are in it.
7. Have your child retell the story.
8. Have your child relate the story to a personal experience.
9. Have your child be a detective and have them find a certain letter or word on a page or you point to a letter and have them find the same one.
10. Ask your child to find a letter that sounds like...
11. Have your child point to the words as you read the story.
12. Refer to the additional sheets in the bag.

Some children enjoy reading the same book many times and may read it from memory. This is fine! Above all else, HAVE FUN!!

Please fill in and return the bottom portion of this sheet to school as soon as possible. Thanks and happy reading!

Susanne ☺

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I, \_\_\_\_\_, would like my child \_\_\_\_\_  
to participate in the at home reading program. I will be responsible for the  
care of the books sent home. I will replace or pay for any lost or damaged  
books.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_