



Reading Homework

Every night your child will bring home a book. The book will be either a "working on" book or a book of their choice from the classroom library.

"Working on" books are books that are at your child's instructional reading level. When I meet with students in small groups or individually I provide them with their "working on" book. Together we are working on specific skills while reading the book. Often your child will have a sticky note stating the strategy I want them to focus on while reading their "working on" book. Your child should bring home a "working on" book 2-3 times a week.

A "choice" book is one which your child has selected from the classroom library. Though I encourage them to choose books that are "easy" or "just right" they may choose books that are too challenging as well. If a challenging book comes home please READ TO your child and mark it as challenging on their Reading Log. Listening to stories is an important part of learning to read and can be a great family event.

I often receive comments that the books a child is bringing home are too easy. Easy books are a VERY important part of learning to become excellent readers. Easy books encourage fluency and expression as well as confidence in the reader and enjoyment. If your child is bringing home easy books it is o.k., praise them for their excellent skills and encourage them to use inflection and expression in their reading.

Another important part of reading is discussion. Before, during and after reading please talk to your child about the story. Discuss new vocabulary, interesting concepts and ideas, character traits and over all enjoyment. Don't be afraid to ask your child to point out specific words or phrases that support their ideas as well.

Each day your child will need to return their book and enclosed Reading Log. On the Reading Log I would like you to record the date and title. You also need decide of the story was E=easy, JR=just right or CH=challenging.

Please use this 15 or 20 minutes to enjoy and celebrate reading with your child. Your influence as a positive reader is great motivation for your child to learn to love books.

Thank you for your help.

-Mrs. Johnson

