

2P Home Reading Program

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Dear Parents:

Grade 2P has started our Home Reading Program as of today. The following letter will give an outline of how our Bookworms work.

In the front pocket of your child's Agenda is where your child's book is best kept. As well, you will find a "Bookworm" page for you/your child to fill out. Each section is colored in or initialed for every 15 minutes you and your child read together. Your child is welcome to read for as many minutes as they would like to...no limits! I do suggest a minimum of 15 minutes each night, however. Rewards are given to the children based on the amount of time read vs the number of books read. It is important that these books are at your child's "Instructional" level. If you find that the book is too easy or too difficult, please indicate so in your child's Agenda and I will make the necessary adjustments. Once the bookworm is filled in, your child returns it for a reward the class has voted on.

I am reading individually with your child over the coming week and you may notice that your child starts out a book home at a slightly lower level than they left off at last year. This is normal, and I would rather they start out feeling successful. We will adjust to the perfect "instructional" level for your child quickly.

Students will have access to a variety of books from our class and I encourage you to tap into your book supply at home as well as the local library. It is important that reading time at home is enjoyable and pleasant. Some tips to keep in mind when reading with your child:

- Read at least 15 minutes every day
 - Make praise a part of reading
 - Let the child help decide what you'll read
 - Take turns reading to each other
 - Use different voices
 - Keep the story moving and help with difficult words
 - Make reading a fun and special time for both of you!
- (*tips from Frontier College)

There is an excellent video available from our Parent Resource Center in our library entitled, "Supporting your Beginning Reader" for anyone interested in learning more about how to read with your child. If you are interested, please send me a note or see our librarian.

If you have any questions regarding the Home Reading Program, please do not hesitate to give me a call at school. Have a great week and happy reading!

Yours in education,

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