

Dear Parents:

Your child will begin to bring home "take home" readers. Each book will come home in a special baggie with their name marked on the front. Each child will also have a reading log for you to keep track of the books read at home. Most books will be read several times – the same book may be read everyday for that week. The most important skill is fluency. Your child must MASTER reading the book before receiving a new book to take home.

It is very important to **take care of the books being sent home (even if they are a black & white copy)**. I expect each book to be returned in the same shape it was received! Another skill we are working on at school is **responsibility** – learning how to take care of their belongings and others.

Your children also bring home paper books when we learn a new letter, word family, and some sight words. Please encourage your child to read these frequently at home!

Skills to work on at home:

- \*vocabulary – you may find making flashcards for the words is beneficial to your child.
- \*picture cues – encourage your child to look at the pictures to read unknown words.
- \*make predictions – stop your child while reading and ask what they think will happen next and why.
- \*retell – when finished with the book, ask your child to retell the story in their own words.
- \*comprehension – ask questions throughout your child's reading (some books may have questions in the back of the book).

This is a very exciting time for your child! Encourage them to have fun, as they become readers! Building your child's confidence is a great gift as they learn to read. Praise your child for the effort they put forth!!

Thank you,  
Kirsta Lagando ☺

