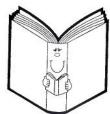
Dear Parents:

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).

