

# A GUIDE FOR HOME READING

## Dear Parents,

Regular library reading will help your child practice the reading skills that are being taught in the classroom. Books or magazines should be selected by your child. Your librarian can be helpful in this regard.

The report, Becoming a Nation of Readers, tells us that the single best way of improving reading is for parents to read aloud to their children. Set aside a time for this reading.

Good study habits are essential, so we suggest:

1. Don't pressure your child to read. If your child misses more than one word in twenty, read the book to him/her. Ask the teacher to help your child find an easier book.
2. Provide a quiet time and place for your child to read.
3. Turn off the T.V. when your child is reading.
4. Talk about the pictures with your child. Have your child guess what the story is about.
5. Have your child read silently before reading orally to you.
6. If your child cannot tell you what the story is about, sometimes you may have him/her re-read it to find out what he/she thinks of it and why. Understanding is just as important as knowing the words. Encourage your child to form pictures in his/her mind while reading.
7. At times have your child read the story to you. Take parts — you read some lines while he/she reads others. Re-read orally the exciting parts, the amusing incidents, etc., and encourage your child to read the way he/she talks.
8. If your child does not know a word, help him/her to use the rest of the sentence to figure it out. Then, if your child is still unable to figure out the word, tell him/her what it is.
9. Older children can use the dictionary to check out pronunciation and correct meaning.
10. Use praise generously but judiciously.
11. Encourage your child to keep a record of the books he/she has read. This will help your child to feel good about his/her reading.
12. Encourage your child to write. Writing activities will help improve reading. With a felt tip pen, e.g., your child can write T.V. episodes, new endings to stories, plays, or letters.



Please feel free to call or visit the school at any time if you have questions or suggestions. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

*Mrs. Vettel* 😊