

“The more you **read**  
the more **things** you know.  
The more that you **learn**  
the more **places** you’ll go.”  
-Dr. Seuss

Dear Families,

Many nights your child will bring home books. The purpose is for your child to continue reading at home using the skills and strategies they have been focusing on in school to help them develop into independent readers who understand and enjoy what they are reading.

When reading with your child, please offer praise, explicitly noting what was done well. Below are some examples of prompts to assist in their reading.

### **Vocabulary:**

“Is there a word you don’t understand?”

“Are there clues in the sentence to help you?”

“Can you think of another word you could substitute for this word?”

“Does the picture help you figure out what the word means?”

“Where could you look when it is a bold word?”

### **Making Predictions:**

“I think this will happen because...”

### **Making Connections:**

“Does this remind you of something you have done?”

“Can you remember a time when you felt the same as this character?”

“Does this remind you of another book you have read?”

“Does this remind you of something you already know about?”

## **Fiction:**

Somebody-Wanted-But-So. After reading a short text or chapter ask your child, who was the main character (**S**omebody), what the character **W**anted (goal), **B**ut there was a problem, **S**o this is how the problem was solved (solution).

Take this to the next level and ask your child, "What does this mean to you?"

Above all, please talk with your child about what s/he read. The ultimate goal of reading is comprehension (understanding) and enjoyment.

I look forward to watching your child grow as a reader and being a part of their journey into the joy of reading!

Happy Reading!