

Hello Room 4 Families!

Throughout the school year, your child has a minimum of 15 minutes of reading homework each night. This folder is designed to help you and your child with that homework. I cannot stress enough how important this is. By the end of the year, your child is expected to read, comprehend and be a fluent first grade reader. By reading with your child as often as you can, you will promote and practice all these skills. Your child will greatly benefit from one on one reading time with you. Please assist me in this process by having your child read the included story, asking your child the discussion questions and listening to their response and signing the reading log. When your child returns to folder to me, I will replace it with another book at their current reading level and send it back home.

Here is the routine we will follow:

- Your child will bring the R.E.D “folder” (envelope) home with one book inside.
- I suggest you keep the folder 2-3 nights. Practice reading and re-reading the book 2-3 times.
- Ask your child the discussion questions. Listen to their answers and talk with them adding information and looking back in the text together. Ask your child to elaborate on their thinking and GO DEEP! Make them prove their answers with text evidence.
- Write the title, the date, and sign the book log. (This way I know not to send home the same book with your child again.)
- Return the folder back to school. When the folder is returned, I will replace the book with another book at your child’s current reading level.
- **CHALLENGE:** Reading tickets may be completed for additional comprehension building. Completed tickets will be submitted for weekly drawings; incomplete tickets will not be eligible. (Tickets: Yellow for fiction; Green for non-fiction)
- Remember, the goal is to *encourage*, not discourage, your child as a reader. Now that your child is 6-7 years old, he/she is beginning to grow into an independent reader. Take the time to enjoy reading with them. ☺ They are only little for a little while!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your support!

Ms. Raja ☺