

Level 1 & 2 Home Reading

Today your child will bring home their first 'take home book' for the year. As well as a 'take home book', you will also find a new yellow 'Reading Log' inside their book pocket.

Below are a few handy hints to help with setting up this daily routine at home!

- Please remind your child to return the book pocket to school every day. This will allow for books to be changed daily.
- We endeavour to send a new book home every night; please complete the Reading Log for each night that your child reads. The Reading Log is not intended to count how many books they read, but how many nights they read books.
- Once a week your child's classroom teacher will acknowledge your child's home reading efforts. This will usually take place on a Friday.
- You may find that the initial level that has been chosen for your child is quite easy. We have done this in the hope that the first few home reading experiences for the year help you to rebuild the daily home reading routine. An easy book will help at this stage while your child is re-adjusting to the demands of school life.
- Trust that the teacher is monitoring the home reading process from their end. The class teacher will move your child up a level when they are ready.
- Your child should be bringing home books that are easy to read. Learning to read takes place at school on 1-2 levels higher, comfortable revision of the learning takes place at home with take home books.
- Reading is not all about racing up the 'level ladder' and it is common for students to compare their 'level' with others. We all learn at different paces, so of course we will all be on different reading levels-and that is ok!
- There is much more to reading than just saying the words accurately. The Reading Log gives many suggestions about how you can be involved with your child's home reading and help them not only improve accuracy and fluency, but also comprehension. All skills are vital for your child to be a successful reader.
- Supplement home reading by choosing a chapter series to read together at night to help your child develop a love of literature.
- Remember to make the process as stress free as possible, we want students to read every night because they love to practise their reading!

Effort = Success...

Happy Reading 😊

Regular reading impacts a child's success at school.
If not addressed early the educational gap widens...

Child A



Reads 20 minutes
per day

3,600 minutes
per school year

1,800,000 words
per school year



Scores in the
90th percentile

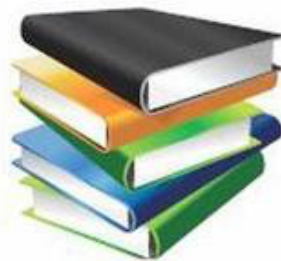
Child B



Reads 5 minutes
per day

900 minutes
per school year

282,000 words
per school year



Scores in the
50th percentile

Child C



Reads 1 minute
per day

180 minutes
per school year

8,000 words
per school year



Scores in the
10th percentile

Standardised Test Scores

By the end of grade 6, Child A will have read the equivalent of 60 school days, Child B will have read for 12 school days and Child C will have read for 3 days. Nagy and Herman, 1987.