Dear Parents,

Reading is a skill that will be vital to your child throughout life. It is important therefore that sound reading habits are established as early as possible. The take home readers are designed to promote a love and enjoyment of reading and reinforce good reading practices learnt at school.

Your child has a book for Shared Home Reading in his/her reader cover today.

- These books will be chosen based on your child’s reading ability.
- Your child will change their books three times a week on Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays. Of course if they haven’t finished their books, they should keep them longer.
- It is important your child reads their take home reader more than once to consolidate expression, fluency, pausing, self-correcting and their comprehension.
- Your child should experience success reading these books and not find them too challenging. We want your child’s home reading to be a positive and enjoyable experience.
- Remember to ask your child questions about the story to enhance comprehension and get them thinking about what they are reading.
- Encourage fluency and expression when oral reading.
- Point out any punctuation that is missed and remind your child that the story will not make sense without it.
- Discuss word meanings and talk about the story. Many children are good oral readers, but are less strong with comprehension.
- Please record your child’s reading in the Home Journal as it will assist the teacher in monitoring your child’s reading frequency.
- We still expect your child to bring their green reader folder to school every day so we can read with your child during Literacy Rotations and a variety of learning settings.

Many thanks,

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