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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Did you know that one of the most important things we can do to instill a life-long love of reading is to **read aloud** to our children each day? Research supports this fact all the way through high school! At the elementary level, this means read to your children, read with your children, and allow your children to read to you. Spend a few minutes talking with your children about the story. Ask questions like, “Did that story (or part of the story) remind you of anything in your life?” These types of questions encourage children to make connections with text.

Some other ideas for encouraging young readers and writers are to help them to see that reading and writing is important. Set a good example by reading newspapers, books, and magazines. Let your children help as you write your grocery list. You may even help your child write their own shopping or “To-Do” lists. Above all, **have fun!**

We hope that you will be able to join us as a Guest Reader this month or in the future! Please see our Friday Folder for the week ending 2/26/10 to view our March 2010 “Month-Long Celebration of Reading” calendar!

We hope your children enjoy the activities planned for this month to encourage reading. Please let us know which ones were favorites!

Thank you for your continued support.

Best Wishes,

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