



Reading News

Your child is beginning to read books in a small group setting with their classroom teacher. Your child is learning many different things that they can do to help themselves be better readers. They will be bringing home the books that they read in small group as well as books that they have not yet read with a teacher. We would like to provide you with some ideas that will help you with reading homework. Your support at home will help to reinforce these skills. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Thank you!

Reading At Home

10 minutes to enjoy reading together at home

Before Reading, you may support your child by:

- *reading the title to your child
- *doing a "picture walk" if your child has never read the book. This will give them the opportunity to look at the pictures and talk about the story before reading.
- *reading the first page to your child to get them started if necessary.

During Reading, you may encourage your child to:

- **quickly look* at the picture and think about the story before they read the page. Now their *eyes should stay on the words* while they read.
- *point *under* each word as they read
- *if your child reads the page incorrectly, reread the page for them as you point to each word. Have them read it again.

After Reading,

- *talk about the story after reading the book
- *locate a few basic sight words after reading the story (a, the, like, can, etc.) by saying, "Point to the word _____."

A Helpful Hint,

10 minutes of reading is a guideline, your child may choose to read for a longer period of time or they may want to listen to you read a book to them.

Reading books again and again!

Your child may bring home the same books several times. Reading books several times will help your child begin to read basic sight words quickly and build their confidence as a reader. At this time, your child is reading books with a pattern, which are easily memorized. Remind them to point and look at the words as they read.