

Dear Parents,



Today I am sending home with your first grader a book in a ziplock bag. This bag includes the Reading Record paper with instructions about your child's weekly reading assignment. It is requested that the students read each night approximately 10-15 minutes as a homework assignment. For this reading program, my goal is to give your child an opportunity to read on his/her reading level and progress to higher levels as soon as possible. My goal is that all of my students improve and increase their **comprehension and fluency scores.**

It is important that you:

- 1) **Check** your child's binder/backpack for notes, homework assignments and the book in the ziplock bag.
- 2) **Ensure** that your child **completes reading** the book in a timely fashion (at least one book a week but you may do as many as your child feels motivated to do). Help your child review the book when he/she is finished; they will take an Accelerated Reader comprehension test on the computer when they return the book.
- 3) **Review** the Reading Record slip included with each zip lock bag book. Add a comment if you wish. Soon these slips will stop coming home because the children learn the system and it is kind of a waste of paper and time, but the books should continue to come and go from school to home in the bag...
- 4) **Send** the "book in the bag" back to school when your child has completed it. Try to complete at least one book per week. More is better! Some students request 2 books at a time so that they may progress more rapidly, gain more **Accelerated Reader** (AR) points and enjoy the variety. Students will take an AR test on the book they have just read.
- 5) **Please take care** of the books and return them to the room because these books are part of my personal AR collection. Students get to visit our class treasure box each time they take an AR test and receive a score of 80% or higher. Donations of "treasures" like small toys, school supplies, bubbles, etc are gladly accepted!!!☺

Students will be matched with books on their independent reading level. Students change to higher levels continually! If you think the book that came home is too easy or too difficult, send it back with a note and I will help them choose a book on the appropriate level.

****Also, students may read their own favorite books from home. Many of these books are probably AR books and have a test. Students are encouraged to take AR tests on these books as well as my books.**

Please sign and return the bottom portion of this letter.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Cunningham

-----Please check all appropriate blanks and return bottom-----

____ Yes, I understand the information about my child's AR reading and will help with reading homework nightly.

____ No, I need clarification, please call me at _____.

Parent's name

Child's name