







**Parents: How Can I Help My Child with Reading and Writing at Home?**



 **Fluency:** Reading fluency is very important. We want our children to read as easily as they speak. There are few things you can do with your child each night to help with reading fluency. 



 Read with your child each night. Your child has a book sent home on their appropriate reading level each week. Have your child read that book to you each night. 



 Help your child read words that they do not know, and help him or her understand what the word means. If that word has meaning to them; they are more likely to remember it next time. 

Time your child on reading. Make it into a game, have your child read one section of their book 5 times. For each reading, time them and see if they improve! 😊

**Comprehension:** Understanding what they read is very important. If a child does not understand what they read, they may not enjoy reading to the fullest and may have a hard time being successful in school. Here are a few things you can do with your child at home to help with comprehension.

 As your child reads to you, ask him or her questions about what is being read. Make sure your child is thinking while they are reading. Ask open-ended questions not yes or no questions. For example: How do you think the character feels about what just happened? Encourage your child to make a "movie" in his or her head as they read. If a child will picture what is being read, they are more likely to understand it. 



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**READ READ READ!** Encourage your child to read everything! Newspapers, magazine, cereal boxes, books, everything! Also encourage them to ask questions about what they are reading. The world is a big place for kids and they are curious; use your experience to help them learn!

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★ **Writing:** There are many important components to writing; sentence structure, handwriting, grammar, spelling, and the flow of a story. Here are a few things to help your child with writing.

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Encourage your children to ask how to spell something. Sounding out words is great, but sometimes as third graders, the big words they want to use are hard to spell. Help them, or encourage them to look it up! If possible, have a dictionary handy just incase. 😊

Have your students practice their spelling words and sentences by combining them. Make a game out of it! How many spelling words can you use in five sentences? Write them down! 😊 As their parent, check for punctuation, spelling and all the good things sentences need.

And whenever possible, have your child write! Let them make your grocery list, or write a card to grandma! Any writing practice is good writing practice!

★ You can help your child tremendously by making learning fun for them at home! The last thing teachers want is for a child to have two hours of homework a night. Family time is very important, so if possible add learning into family time! Board games help with reading and have your child write to keep score. The ideas are endless! Our hope is that you will place this sheet on your refrigerator or somewhere in the house where you can refer to it often. 😊 Let's work together to help your child achieve their goal this year in reading and writing!

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