Reading Aloud at Home

Dear Parent/Carer,

It is really important for your child's progress that your child reads both at school and at home. Your child's reading record is a great way for your child's teacher to find out how your child is reading at home and for you to see how your child is reading at school.

It is important that you write a comment in your child's reading record so that we know that they are reading at home and how you feel they are doing. It would greatly benefit your child if you could please read with them every day and record your observations in their reading record two or three times each week. It is important that your child reads aloud to you from Reception to Year 6. Reading aloud gives you the opportunity to talk to your child about the story and check their understanding. It also allows you to help your child to make connections between things that they read and their own lives. It enables you to help your child to understand any new vocabulary.

Here are some questions to help you comment about your child's reading. You do not need to cover all areas just the one which is most relevant to your child.

- Did your child enjoy the book or not, and why?
- Could your child segment the sounds, then blend them together to read the words independently? With support?
- Were there any words which your child struggled to read?
- Could your child predict what might happen next in a story?
- Could your child retell the main events in the story?
- Did your child read with understanding?
- Did you need to explain the meaning of any words?
- Did your child use expression when they read? (For example use a louder voice when a word was written bigger or use a different voice for a different character in the story?)
- Did your child read fluently? (Did they stop and start between words? Did they stop at punctuation?)

Thank you for your continued support.

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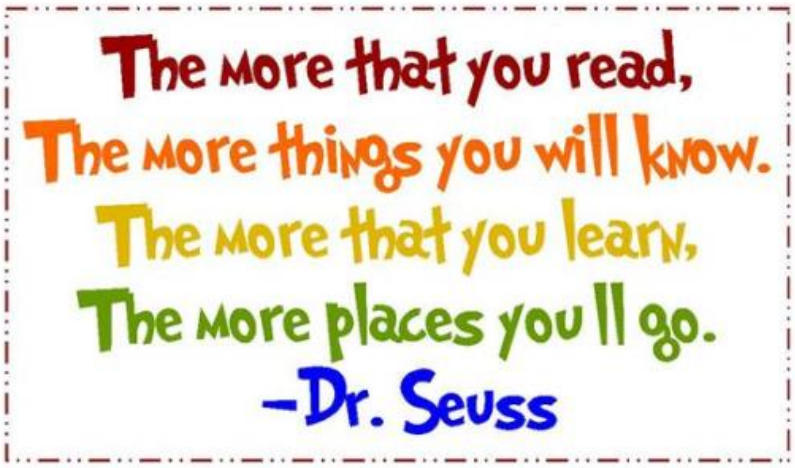
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