

2nd GRADE PARENT READING SUPPORT

One of the most important things we can do to help our kids learn in the next few weeks is to encourage them to **read every day**. The more students read, the better readers they become.

Building stamina for reading independently is critical if students are to develop and grow as readers. In grade 2 students can be independently reading up to 20 minutes a day. During independent reading, your child is continually practicing and strengthening strategies he/she is learning to make sense of the books he/she is reading.

HOW YOU CAN HELP AT HOME

Below are some of the strategies your child has already learned this year and some questions you can ask to help support his/her reading. You can help your child self monitor, make visualizations, infer, wonder by stopping them every few pages as they read aloud and asking the questions below:

Self-Monitoring: Thinking about Reading

- What is happening in my book?
- Do I understand what I am reading?
- Do I know what most of the words mean?
- Is this book interesting and fun to read?

Visualizations

- What did you see in your mind as you listened to the part you just read?
- What words did you hear in the story that helped you create a picture in your mind?

Inferences

- What clues has the author given us so far about the main character?
- What do those clues tell us about the character?

Wondering

- What questions do you have, or what are you wondering, at this point in the story?
- What did you picture in your mind as you listened to this part of the story?
- What words helped you create that picture in your mind?
- What do you think might happen next? Why do you think that?

Have fun reading and using strategies together!