Dear Parents,

 We would like to invite you to be partners with us in helping your child develop a love of reading.

 We are asking that you read each day for 15-20 minutes. Your child will bring home a *book* daily on their reading level and a Reading Log. Please write down the title or titles of the books read each night in this log. The books brought in the large plastic bag are on your child’s independent reading level and should be read by your child to you to reinforce skills learned at school.

 As your child learns to read, he or she will make mistakes. As parents and teachers, we can help them learn to problem solve and this helps them progress as readers. Here are some things you can do to help your child problem solve more independently as they read.

 **\*Look back for a word I’ve read before.**

 **\*Look at the pictures for clues.**

 **\*Start to say the first sound.**

 **\*Think of a word that makes sense and starts with that letter.**

 **\* Skip the difficult word and read to the end of the sentence.**

Reading selections may also include books from home and the library, newspaper or magazine articles and poetry. Children also enjoy being read to by an adult. You may use the library books sent home from school as these books may be difficult for independent reading. Library books also offer a great way to apply comprehensions skills. Ask your child to tell you about the story. Reading aloud to your child develops their love of literature while improving their listening comprehension.

 The most important thing is to make this an enjoyable experience for the both of you.