

Dear Parents,

You know that reading is important to your child. However, reading new books with too many new words can make reading frustrating to your child----and that often prevents reading. When your child considers a new book, try the “five word” rule:

If three to five words are unfamiliar per page to your child, read the book together.

More than five unfamiliar words per page means the book is too hard right now. Read it out loud to your child.

To build your child’s vocabulary, have some fun with the Dictionary. Use a dictionary that is age appropriate. Read just the definition of a word. Have your child try to guess the word. After several guesses, then tell the word. Now have your child give a definition and you guess the word. Try this several times. You will be surprised at the increase in your child’s vocabulary.

I will be in my room Tuesday, January 3, 2012, from 6:15PM until 6:45 PM. (This is PTT/SAT meeting night.) If you have any concerns or suggestions as to how I can better serve you child more productively, please come to see me. I can also be reached by phone during the school day if that is more convenient. My goal is to help your child be successful.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Donna Johnson