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Dear Parents,

Reading is the foundation for success in school---and in life. The ability to read is necessary to be successful in any subject regardless of subject being taught. You have an important role in your child's life so he/she may become a better reader. You want your child to succeed, so give encouragement and support daily.

Below are some suggestive ideas that may be a benefit to you and your child.

1. Encourage your child to spend time reading daily. Research shows that kids who spend at least 30 minutes a day reading are more likely to become good readers. Encourage your child to select a book of interest.
2. Select a book for you to read. You will be setting an example of the importance of reading for 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.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Donna Johnson