

Dear Parents,

It is a fact: Active parent involvement does have a profound effect on a child's performance in school. Hundreds of education studies, coupled with teachers' experiences, tell us it is true. Knowing this, I am offering a way that might be a different kind of approach you can take to help improve your child's reading skills. Title 1 has purchased a variety of paperback books. I will be encouraging your child to select one to read at home with a parent. After completing the book, your child has the opportunity to take the movie that accompanies the book along with a DVD player home. I would ask that you and your child watch the movie together. Then I would like for you to take the time to discuss the differences between the book and the movie. As you discuss the differences, prompt him/her with thought-provoking questions that could begin with the word why. Knowing that we all are busy this time of the year, you may take as much time (within reason) to read the book.

I will be in my room Monday, October 1, 2012, from 6:15 PM 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