



Home School Connection

Dear Family Member:

The first two weeks of school are an exciting time for readers. Our class will learn how to read fiction stories and nonfiction articles carefully. We will learn about basic skills that we will use in our reading throughout the year.

During this time our class will focus on:

- Ways to talk about their reading with partners and the class.
- Strategies to help them pronounce long words.
- Strategies to figure out the meanings of hard words they read.
- How to find important details in fiction stories and nonfiction articles as they read.
- How to analyze what they read and write about it.

Here are two activities you can do to help your child get ready to read.

- Read together a fiction story. Discuss what happens in the story and who the characters are.
- Read together a nonfiction book or article. Ask your child what the story is about. Discuss what kinds of photos and images they see. What can they learn from these images?

This year your child will learn how to become a confident and fluent reader in the 21st Century. Your interest and enthusiasm will support your child's efforts.