

Wonderfully Exciting Books (W.E.B.)

The First Graders at the Lillian M. Jacobs Elementary School have started the home reading program called Wonderfully Exciting Books (WEB Cart). Students select either a game or home reading book from the WEB Library once a week. The collection of games and books in the WEB Library was specifically chosen for growing first grade readers. The books are written with levels of support to help early readers master their growing skills. **For homework each day, your child is expected to play his/her game or practice reading his/her WEB book until it is “read like talking” in a fluent voice.** Repeated reading is the most powerful technique to build fluency, automaticity of high frequency words, and strategic reading skills.

How Can You Help Your Child

1. If your child chose a game, please play together.
2. Set aside the **time** and find a **cozy, quiet spot** for your child to read for **20 minutes each day or to play the game. As part of this time, your child may read other books or passages his/her teacher sent home.**
3. Encourage your child to first read by themselves; then have your child read aloud to you.
4. If your child is stuck on a word, ask:
 - What might you try to figure out that word?
 - Can you tap and blend? What letters are giving you trouble? Those letters say ____.

After two attempts, tell the word. This word is _____. Reread the sentence using that word.

1. If your child misreads a word, allow them to read to the end of the sentence. If they do not automatically self correct, say “That wasn’t right. Re-read and make sure that all of the words look like what you are saying.”
2. **Chat about the book.** Reading is ALL about comprehending and interacting with the text.
 - React to the illustrations. Look at the _____. That is funny.
 - What was your favorite part?
 - Retell the story, including characters, setting, and main events in order.
 - What connection do you have to this book or the characters?
 - What would you do if you were that character?
 - What do you think about _____?
 - What new or interesting information did you learn from this book? (informational text)
3. If there are more than 3-5 words on a page that your child does not know, then the book is too difficult! Write a note on the **WEB Books Recording Sheet** and return the book to school for another.
4. Help your child record each book on their **WEB Books Recording Sheet**.
5. Return the game or book to school on your **WEB Library** day so that your child can select another. Our goal is for each student to read as part of their daily routine.
6. **Make time to read TO your child.** Books first graders can read are different than the higher-level books they can listen to and comprehend. By reading to your child and discussing books, you develop their higher-level comprehension skills, vocabulary, and oral language.
7. **READ AND SHARE YOUR OWN READING.** Children develop a love of reading and an understanding of literacy by the models around them.