



READING AT HOME...

Can Make a HUGE Difference

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Reading at home with your child regularly has an important impact on his/her academic development. Reading for just 15-20 minutes each night can have positive effects on your child's reading skills and help him/her grow academically. To make reading at home each night an easy task, your child will be bringing home a reading bag. Feel free to contact me with any questions. I encourage you to take this opportunity to spend quality time reading with your child at home each night and to see him/her improve as a reader throughout the year. Thank you for your support, as we partner together, to help your child grow as a reader.

Happy reading!

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So, how does my child's reading bag work?

- Each day, your child will bring home books in his/her bag. Some books will have been read previously in your child's reading group, while other texts will be self-selected by your child, and written at his/her independent reading level. This means your child should be able to successfully read the text independently.
- Please have your child read the book in his/her reading bag aloud to you or another adult. It is important that your child is able to read the words in a text and comprehend the text. Encourage your child to use strategies he/she has learned in school to solve tricky words and understand the text.
- Have your child discuss the book he/she read with you.
- You may also find a word wallet or baggy of sight words inside of your child's reading bag. These should also be practiced nightly to help improve your child's reading & fluency.
- You will find a calendar in your child's book bag. Please indicate that your child has read his/her book out loud to you and discussed it by placing your signature or initials in the corresponding date on the calendar. Please be sure this is an adult signature. Student signatures will not be accepted.
- Your child will set goals and earn rewards in reading group based on how many nights he/she read aloud at home and earned parent/guardian signatures.
- Please be sure your child returns his/her book bag and its contents to school daily.
- Ensure that your child takes care of the bag and borrowed books in a responsible manner, as these are Warsaw Elementary school property.

IMPORTANT: If your child's classroom teacher assigns a reading log as homework, the book inside the book bag can be used as credit toward both their classroom homework log and the AIS reading calendar.