Dear Parents,

We are excited to start our home reading program for 2016! Your child will bring home a ‘Just Right Book’ every night to practise their reading with you. Could you please write the name of the book and sign your name on the correct day in their diary. Please leave a short comment about your discussion of the book (Grade 2’s may write their own). The students will change their book the following day IF they have read it to someone.

**Hearing your child read can be quite stressful especially when they make mistakes. It is important to try and make time together enjoyable and successful. Here are a few simple tips to follow when your child brings home a book to read to you:**

- Look through the book and talk about the pictures.
- You can read the first few pages to your child if necessary.
- Then let your child read on their own.
- If your child can’t read a word, give them a few seconds to work it out. Working out how to solve tricky words is very good reading practise.
- If your child works out the word, PRAISE their success.
- If your child can’t work out the word, please use the strategy we will be implementing at school – “Would you like more time, or would you like a clue?”.
- Or tell them the word and ask them to repeat it.
- When your child has finished reading, discuss the book together. Your discussion could be about characters, predictions, how the story relates to you or our world etc.

Mathletics and Reading Eggs cards will be in the front page of their diary.

The students diary will also be used as a form of communication – please check for notes from the classroom teacher and feel free to write to us if you have any concerns, as we will be checking them daily.

We will also be sending home ‘Home Learning’ starting Monday the 9th of February. Home Learning tasks will be due in on the Friday and will go home on the Tuesday. The purpose of Home Learning is for your child to re-visit and practise the learning that has taken place at school.

Thank you,

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You will need to come up with a better excuse!