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BOOK BAGS ARE HERE!!!!

Dear Parents,

My name is Megen Hood, and I have had the pleasure of working with your child to improve their reading since the beginning of the year. All my students have been making strides towards grade level reading targets. At this point, I am enlisting your help. Your child will be bringing home a book bag with books we've been reading together. Please take time to listen to them read each night, and then fill out the communication log.

When working with your child, please encourage him/her to:

- Use their finger to follow along and split words up into parts.
- Look at the pictures and think about what is happening in the story.
- Go back and reread if they get confused.

Learning to read is a lot like learning to speak. You must:

- Believe your child will learn to read.
- Praise and encourage your child's every attempt, just like you did with their first words.
- Reread books over and over and over.
- Make reading a relaxed and enjoyable experience.

Please be careful not to:

- Get impatient or upset when reading with your child (if you or your child gets frustrated, put it away for another time.)
- Expect your child to sound out each letter.
- Cover the pictures to prove your child is "really" reading.

If at ANY time you are feeling discouraged or have questions, please give me a call. I realize this may be new to you. Even if you have older children, each child is different. Parents have found it helpful to watch me working with their child. I am available after school on most days, or we can find a time that fits into your schedule.

Happy Reading!