

Dear Parents,

In an effort to get students reading MORE & MORE, I will be sending home a Monthly Reading Log. Try to read for 20 minutes EVERY day! Reading logs will be due on the 1st school day of each month. For example, February's log will be due on March 1st). If your child participates in the reading log, he/she can earn a treat for each monthly log turned in!

- Research shows us that students who read frequently are not only stronger readers, but they have stronger math skills, too. (Edudemic.com)
- Reading twenty minutes a day exposes students to roughly 1.8 million [vocabulary words](http://readdbq.org) a year. (readdbq.org)
- According to the [American Academy of Pediatrics](http://AmericanAcademyofPediatrics.org), reading regularly positively affects the brain's cognitive abilities.

I encourage you to also have comprehension check-ins & discussions throughout reading! Need some ideas to help build your child's comprehension skills? Check out the back of this letter! You can find other helpful strategies on the PARENT RESOURCES page of my weebly.

If you misplace your copy or need additional space, you can go to my weebly to print a new reading log. You can download a copy from the LINKS page.

Thanks,

Ms. Weber

Comprehension is the purpose for reading. Here are some tips to boost your child's reading comprehension.

1. When you read books with your child, ask questions such as: Who are the main characters? Where is this story taking place? Could this happen in real life? How do you think that character feels? Why did that character do that? How did they solve their problem?
2. Help your child make text-to-text connections. Ask about other books that have similar plots or characters. Encourage your child to read books in a series such as *Mercy Watson* or *Magic Tree House*.
3. Make sure your child is reading at his/her level. A book that is too challenging will become frustrating. He/she will spend too much time in the act of reading and reading will not be enjoyable.
4. Set aside time each day to read. Make reading more important than TV and model reading yourself. Children need to see parents reading for fun.
5. Help your child find books he enjoys. Explore different types of stories. As a special treat you could buy a children's magazine or comic book—or even place a Scholastic book order. These can be great motivators.