

Dear Parents,

We are excited to begin offering the Take-Home Library for this school year. Our Take-Home Library will primarily be used by our Kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> grade students.



Each day your student will be bringing home a Ziploc bag. In this bag, you will find a book that has been carefully selected on your child's **independent** reading level. Independent level books should be **easy** for your child to read. Therefore, he/she should not struggle with more than a couple of words in a hundred word passage. The primary goal for your child in a reading independent level books is to practice words he/she already knows and work on speed, accuracy, and expression (fluency). If you find the book your child has been given is too difficult, please, have them stop reading it and send the book back to school with a note to the teacher.

Many of our Take-Home books are short. Your child should read a short book a minimum of three times in one night, and then return it to the school the next day. If your child is reading a longer book, he/she may need to keep it more than one night to be able to finish it. Please help us by returning the book once your child is finished with it. Students will only be given a new book as their old book is returned. If a book is not returned in a reasonable amount of time, we will send an overdue notice to remind you to return it as soon as possible.

Also, in the bag is a book list for your child's current level. Students will not necessarily read all the books on a particular level before moving on to a new level, nor will they read them in any particular order. After your child reads his/her book, **please initial** on the appropriate line and return the book and the list in the bag to the school/

Because the books are expensive and our funds are limited, we are asking that if your child loses or damages a book, you replace it at a cost of \$5.00 per book. If you have any questions or comments about our Take-Home Library, please contact the school. We are so excited to be able to offer these books to your child, and know that his/her reading will improve as he/she practices the important reading skills he/she is learning at school.

Please detach and return to the school

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I would like my child to participate in the Take-Home Library Program and agree to replace at a cost of \$5.00 any book that is lost or is returned to the school in poor condition.

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Child's Name

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Parent Signature