Dear Parents,

Once again the children in Grade Two will be exchanging their books on a weekly basis. The children will be allocated a borrowing day (Monday through to Friday), the same day as their Show and Tell day. The children will be borrowing up to five books per week, depending on the length of the books. The books will be of three levels of difficulty – easy, at their reading level and slightly above their reading level – with the aim of giving the children a range of reading texts and experiences. Bookmarks inside the books will indicate the level of difficulty and whether the book is to be read by the child or together with a parent.

We would like you to support your child in engaging in the following reading experiences:

- Reading books on their own with minimum support enabling the child to practise phrased and fluent reading (easier texts – blue bookmark)
- Reading books which provide some challenges enabling the child to practise their reading strategies (texts at their reading level – red bookmark)
- Sharing and reading of books with mum or dad (texts that are slightly above your child’s reading level – green bookmark).

We expect children to do daily home reading and to read their texts over the week, not all on one night. Rereading of easier texts and texts at their reading level throughout the week is to be encouraged. We would also like parents to complete the take home reading diary and see that children return their books and bags on their borrowing day.

We look forward to your support with this program and hope that it is of great benefit to your child. If you have any queries about take home reading please see your child’s teacher as soon as possible.

Happy and enjoyable reading!

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