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**HOME READING 2012**

**YEAR 4**

Dear Grade 4 Parents,

The Home Reading Program encourages each child to engage in daily independent reading thereby helping them to ‘catch the reading habit’ and improve their levels of comprehension and reading achievement.

Students will be encouraged to choose their own reading material, including biographies, newspapers, novels, magazines, factual books, and chapter books. They will have opportunities to select reading material from the school library, their classroom and a range of levelled texts available to the year level.

As part of the Grade 4 Homework Program, children are expected to read for 20 minutes each school night. Parents are encouraged to talk with their child about their home reading and to ask them to read aloud interesting passages from texts as a means of practising expressive oral reading. Children are required to record their daily reading in their school diary and return all books to school once finished. Parents are also asked to sign the diary on a weekly basis.

We look forward to your support with this program. If you have any queries about home reading, please see your child’s teacher.

Yours sincerely,

Rachel Pitson, Karen Glasscock and Meagan Cofield

Grade 4 Teachers