**We Love Reading in 3B!**

Dear Parents,

I am so excited to begin our “official” home reading program! To begin with I am going to give you a little bit of home reading to do. I have attached an article I found about reading at home which also includes some tips for you and some suggestions for ways to engage your child.

It’s important to know that in grade three we have many different levels of readers. Some of us are mainly reading books that have pictures for cues and less text on a page, and some of us are reading chapter books without any pictures. The important thing to remember is to encourage your child to read material that is suitable for where they are.

In class we are working on picking “good fit” books. A book that is a good fit for your child will be one that they are interested in, one they can understand, and one that allows them to easily read 99% of the words on each page. During home reading we want reading to be a pleasure, not a struggle. We want to read for meaning, not just try and sound out words. We also want to build fluency, so that our reading sounds like our speech, without hesitation and with good expression.

When I read with the children at school, I will be asking them three main questions to help them think about their reading, and you can use them too. They are: Does it look right? Does it sound right? Does it make sense?

My main goal is to help your child develop a love of reading that will last them a lifetime. In order to facilitate this, my hope is that your child will find time to read for at least 15 minutes each evening with you. For now we will be using a reading log to help us get into this habit. Please turn in the reading log at the end of each month.

In addition to tracking our home reading, we will be taking AR (Accelerated Reader) quizzes on books that we have read at home and at school. The quizzes will be done at school on the computers available in our classroom or the school library.

If you have any questions at all, please don’t hesitate to contact me by writing a note in the agenda, by calling (780-459-3114), by email (lisa.bordian@spschools.org), or by stopping by.

Happy Reading!

Mrs. Bordian ☺