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Lets focus on *Literacy*

"Children are made readers in the laps of their parents."
- Emily Buchwald

The Importance of Home Literacy for Your Child

What exactly is a literacy-rich home? This describes a home environment that encourages children to become lifelong readers. Families can support language learning by creating a home atmosphere in which reading, writing, and talking are a natural part of daily life.

Family involvement is one of the key components of children's success in reading. Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and siblings all serve as role models to children and can be critical to

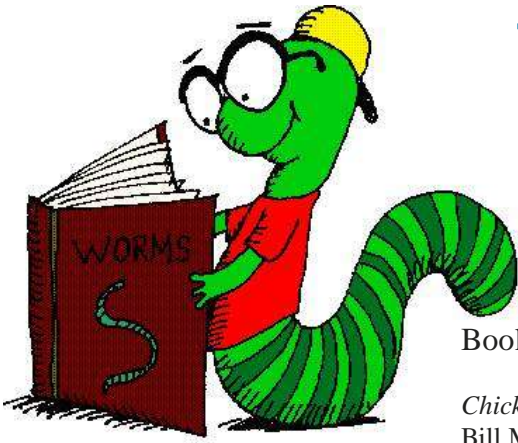
their reading success. It is important to involve the entire family in building home reading spaces, in taking time out for reading aloud and storytelling, and in participating in motivational activities that the whole family can enjoy together. There are many benefits to home literacy exposure. Children's oral language development, reading vocabulary, phonemic awareness, and comprehension can accelerate. Also, the more literate your child becomes the more confident and motivated they will be in school.



Top Ten Ways to Promote Literacy

1. Read aloud to your child everyday
2. Create a print rich environment
3. Model reading and writing
4. Use grocery shopping to encourage reading
5. Cook with your child to develop literacy
6. Explore books together
7. Tell stories together
8. Sing and rhyme with your child
9. Write with your child
10. Visit the library often





The Book Worm!

The book worm is VERY hungry! Here are some ideas about what to feed him...

Books we will read...

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by Bill Martin Jr.

Good Dog, Carl by Alexandra Day

Color Dance by Ann Jonas

Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? by Bill Martin Jr.

Bugs by Nancy Winslow Parker

Books you could read...

The Little Red Hen by Byron Barton

Abuela by Arthur Dorros

Honey, I Love by Eloise Greenfield

The Foot Book by Dr. Seuss

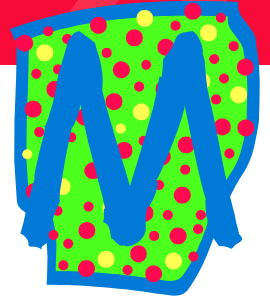
Interested in what the book worm is nibbling on this month? Here are some books we will be reading in class this month and some extras that you and your child could read together!

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LETTER OF THE WEEK



Muzzy the Monkey

For Muzzy the Monkey, bananas are yummy. She munches so many, they fill up her tummy. When she munches, she mumbles...

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