Dear Parents,

Our reading with parents will commence next Monday and we would like to invite any parent who is able to come in to our rooms to help listen to our children read.

Children will be reading their take home books to each other as well as any parents who are in the room. The children will be encouraged to read to several different people.

We hope you will be able to support us with this by listening to as many different children as possible. Our children are at different stages of reading so we have included some hints to help you when you are reading with us.

**TALK** about the book before you read it.

**LOOK** at the pictures, the cover, the title, and talk about them.

Ask your child to predict what the book might be about.

**ASK** “What do you think it is about?”

Go through the book page by page.

**TALK** about the picture and the words or ideas that might be in the book.

Let the child **hold** the book and **read** the book to you.

Read with **one** child at a time, preferably on the floor with the children.

Remember that the child is the **reader**, the text is the **take home book**.

There is no need to tell your teacher when you are available, we are simply happy to have you help when you are able and please know that we appreciate your help so much!

Thank you in anticipation,

Prep Team