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Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Grade 2 is reading to Pre-K children every Friday morning, unless there is a conflict with schedules on a particular day. The Grade 2 children are asked to come to school on Friday with a book that is appropriate for the Pre-K children. Picture books with few words and lots of pictures are the best. Grade 2 children should practice reading the book a day or two ahead. We would recommend that they practice reading to a younger brother or sister or a parent. This will increase their fluency and give them confidence to read slowly and with expression. We have been giving our second grade students strategies to use with the buddies that will help Gr. 2 students as well. The Grade 2 students are pointing out pictures, explaining words if needed, and pointing out characters and problems in the story. Although the Grade 2 students are providing story time to Pre-K, they are building their own reading and comprehension skills.

Reading to Pre-K is an important part of our language arts block of time. It is their responsibility to be prepared with a book and ready to read to their buddies on Friday. Many of the children use books they enjoyed as a child or borrow a book from the library.

This is an enjoyable social and educational program for Pre-K and Grade 2. We appreciate your assistance in the weekly preparation so that all children involved will benefit.

Thank you for all you do to make your Grade 2 child's year fun and successful!

Sincerely,

Miss Brennan

Mrs. Lord