

September 13, 2012

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I am putting this note on the back of our ^{2nd} ~~first~~ Reading Log so that you can review it with your son/daughter and gain understanding of the assignment. I have found that parent support is crucial to the homework process and that if we work together "our" student will be better set up for success in Literacy.

This assignment is based on reading strategies and terms that aid them in the reading process. I feel the reading process must be a practiced daily as research has indicated. Therefore, this reading log is graded less on minutes read and more on using the strategies that research shows will help them be stronger readers with better comprehension.

Usually, the reading strategies and terms I put on the Reading Log are ones that we are currently studying in class. If at any time your student is having trouble with a certain strategy or has trouble completing this assignment, please do not hesitate to be in contact with me as soon as possible. Students can be overwhelmed with something they don't understand how to accomplish when a due date is lingering on the horizon. The best way to ease this frustration is for them, or you, to let me know what I can do to help early on.

Lastly, I am hoping for great success for all students this year. However, it is important to understand that neglecting this homework assignment each week will be detrimental to their grade in my class. Each log is worth 20 points and they lose 1 point for each day that it is late. No reading log will receive credit if it is two weeks late. Further, it defeats the purpose of this daily practice assignment to hand in a log that was completed in one night at the end of the quarter to avoid a "less than stellar" grade in the class. PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR STUDENT NOT TO PROCRASTINATE!

Thank you,

Ms. Hoopes

8th Grade Literacy Teacher

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