

SUMMER HEAT

Helping Everyone Achieve Together!



Dear Parent or Guardian,

Each week our site will focus on one reading strategy to building stronger reading skills with our students! This week our Summer HEAT strategy focus is:

Predicting & Building Schema with Pictures.

Here are some things that you can do together to help your child with reading and writing:

1. Do a picture walk with your child of their take home book. Have your child to go through the book and only look at pictures. Ask them to predict what the story will be about based on the pictures alone.

2. Listen to your child read their take home book. When getting stuck on a words they are unfamiliar with, remind your child to look at the pictures for clues.

3. Use letter cards.

a) Invite your child to use letter cards to make the names of the days of the week. Talk about the number of syllables they hear in each word. Repeat with the months of the year.

b) Make a word ladder. Using the letter cards, have your child make a simple three-letter word he/she knows such as *bag*. Tell them to make a new word below it by changing one letter such as *g* for *d* to make *bad* or by adding one letter such as *s* to make *bags*. Encourage your child to keep going until they run out of words to make with the letters they have.

-The Summer HEAT Team

