



Hudson School District Parents as Reading Partners Calendar

The benefit of parents reading with their children is undisputed (Epstein, 1996 cited in Persampieri, 2006). In 1985, the National Academy of Education reported 'the single most important activity for building the knowledge required for eventual success in reading, is reading aloud to children' (Huebner and Meltzoff, 2005). Reading within the home works to the educational advantage of all children regardless of their economic, racial, ethnic and educational background (Epstein, 1996 cited in Persampieri, 2006). Parents then, have a great opportunity to contribute positively to the academic success of their children as they work to extend their learning environment and provide one-to-one attention that formal schooling cannot provide (Christenson et al., 2001 cited in Persampieri, 2006).

Older children may read independently, but still enjoy being read to on occasion: Please encourage daily reading for **AT LEAST: Grade K & 1=10 minutes, Grade 2=15 minutes, Grades 3 & 4=20 minutes and Grade 5=25 minutes, 4 out of 7 days each week.***

Suggestions:

*Reading should be fun! If you or your child is tired, it may be better to relax and continue reading later. Don't force it. Books on tape can be helpful to relieve the stress of oral reading ~ sit back, snuggle & listen for the pure joy of it!!

*Know that you are important to your child & the school. Know your child's interests. Know what interesting places are in your community and share them with your child.

*Visit your local library. Watch for story hours, book fairs, & other activities that it sponsors. When your child gets a library card ~ make it a special event! Ask for help when choosing titles.

Parents: Please put a check mark in a box each day you and your child read together. Have your child return this form to his/her teacher during the first week of February. A new calendar will be available on our school website each month. This reading time may be counted toward the *Book It Program*. **We thank you for your support of your child's education!**

January

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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Child's Name _____ Parent's Signature _____