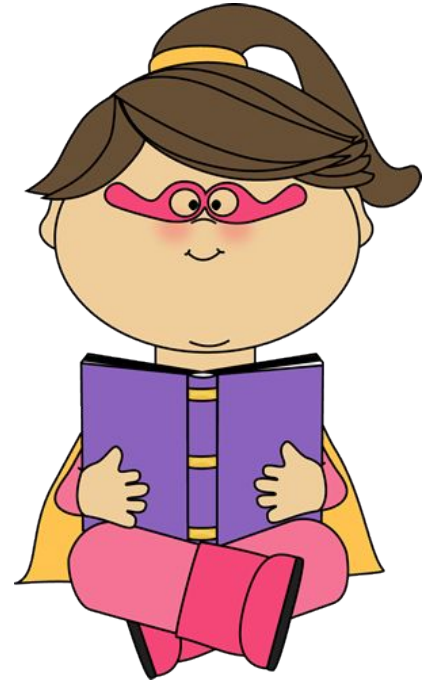




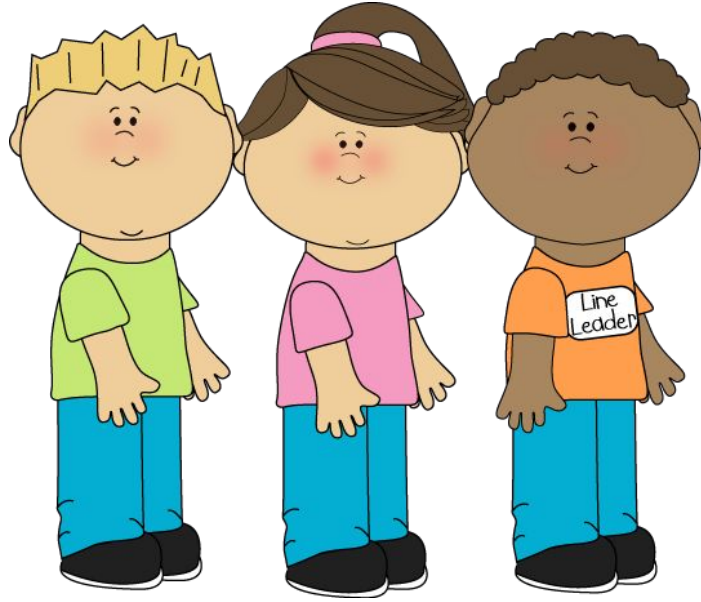
The Power of *Just Right* Books



First Grade
Captain Elementary

1. To learn what a “just-right book” is for your child.
2. To learn new strategies for helping your child read at home.
3. To learn where to find “just-right books”.

Our goals for the evening...



Like Me!

What is a *Just Right Book*?

A just right book ...

- is interesting to the reader
- most of the words are known
- is one the reader can discuss
- is enjoyable to read
- can be read fluently
- builds stamina

Why “Just right” reading - 85% words known

There is an easy way to _____ your child's _____ at school. It will entertain and _____ him. It will strengthen the _____ between him and you. And it is _____ free.

Sound too good to be true? Actually, it isn't. The magical _____: taking _____ to read aloud to your child.

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Why Read Aloud

There is an easy way to improve your child's chances at school. It will entertain and delight him. It will strengthen the bonds between him and you. And it is virtually free.

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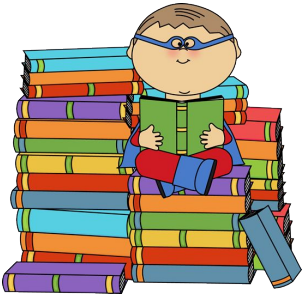
Beyond the Power of *Just Right* Books

Look for opportunities to read together.

Continue to read aloud as your child grows as a reader. Listening and visualizing help a child understand and enjoy the story.

- Sometimes take turns
- Talk about the pictures and details
- Share favorite books

Build Joy and Stamina with Books!



How to Support Readers at Home

Before Reading Take a “Sneak Peek”:

Look at front and back covers

Look through the book

Predict what the story might be about

Predict what words might be in the book

How to Support Readers with “Tricky Words”

1. Look at the **pictures**
2. Look at the **first letter** of the word- make that sound.
3. Look for **parts/chucks** that you know.
4. Look through the word to the **end**
5. Take a **Running Start** and read it again
6. **Try it 2 ways** (apple vs acorn)
7. Think about the story and **check**, “Does it make sense?”

How to Promote Comprehension

Readers make movies (visualize) while they read.

When readers feel confused, they stop and try to make sense.

Readers ask themselves, “Does this make sense?”

We don't let ourselves stay confused or lost when we are on a new book journey because we might miss something spectacular! (Lucy Calkins)

When the Book is Closed...

Have a **joyful** conversation about the book.

Why do you think the author chose this title?

What did you learn from the book?

What connections do you have?

Has this ever happened to you?

What is your favorite part and why?

Where to Find *Just Right* Books

- Home- favorites
- Classroom Library
- Scholastic Book Orders
- School Library
- County Library

*Just Right Books come home nights during the week in the blue reading bags.

Other sources for books...

Technology-

-Epic

-Reading A-Z

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The Captain Library

Visit the Captain Library before and after school.



Library Books

Visit Public Libraries



Finally...

Go forth and practice these strategies with your child...

- *Read books from their book box in the classroom.

- *Take a look at the school library.

- *As you leave tonight, please fill out a survey.