Dear Parents,

This month we began our “Super Powers” reading unit. The children went book shopping for books and put the books in a “super” book baggie. This book baggie will be used for instruction during class and as daily reading practice at home. There will be **5** books for your child to read each night. Some books the children will be able to read independently and some books may need parent support. The children are really excited to bring home their book baggies each day and need your help to ensure they remember to bring it back the following day. **Participation in reading the books each night and returning all 5 books in the book baggie each day is critical for your child’s success in reading.** If your child does not return all 5 books the following day, he or she will not be able to participate fully in the reading workshop. The book baggies will not be sent home on Fridays. During the weekend, your child can read books on BookFlix or on their Raz-Kids account. **We will send the book baggies home starting Monday, December 10th.**

Here are some helpful “Parent Super Powers”

* Book baggies will be sent home daily.  Please read the books with your child and send them to school the next day.  They will be used for Reading Workshop.
  + The **same** books will come home each night during the week. Rereading the books each night will build fluency, reading stamina and confidence.
  + Please read as many books as you can each night. We recommend reading at least 15 minutes.
* Read the books with your child and put the book baggie in your child’s backpack as soon as you are finished.
  + Your child’s backpack should be the book baggies’ home!
* There will be **5 books** in the baggie.  The children will get new books on Mondays.  The books will be the same for one-two weeks, depending upon the schedule for the week (Holidays and school closings).
  + Count to make sure there are **5 books** in the baggie.
  + Throughout the year we will send home up to 7 books. We will let you know when the amount of books increases.
* Fill out and sign the “Shopping List” located in the baggie at the beginning of the week.
  + Please write the titles of the books that are in the book baggies on the “Shopping List” on Mondays.  **You do not need to write the titles every day.**  On Fridays, we will mark that you returned the books.  This is our “inventory system.”  If your child does not return all 5 books, he/she will only be able to take out the amount that he/she returned.  Please let us know if your child has less than 5 books in his/her baggie.  They might have left some books at school.
* If you child has sight words in their baggie, please review them each night and return them to school in the book baggie.
* The book baggies will not be sent home on Fridays.  Please use the raz-kids or bookflix account on the weekends.  (The login and passwords were given out at conferences. Please let us know if you need another copy.).

Research shows that the more a child reads the better they will get at reading. Thank you for being a partner in your child’s reading success. We hope you will enjoy taking a few minutes out of your busy day to spend reading with your child!

Happy Reading,

Mrs. Pender and Ms. Rohrbach (AM only) 