

## Reading Homework—Fantail Syndicate

Hello and welcome back to school for what we hope will be an awesome year of learning for your child!

We often have parents ask us in the first few weeks of Term 1 about how the readers work, so here's how it's going to go:

For the first 2-3 weeks, your child will bring home a reader from their reading box. The levels of these books are based on the information passed on to us which indicates where your child was at (approximately) at the end of last year. If your child has already read any of these books, or they seem too easy or too hard, please don't panic! These school readers can be supplemented with other books from home or the local library, etc.

We will be assessing each child during the first few weeks of school to ascertain exactly what reading level they are at after their summer holiday break. Your patience during this time is greatly appreciated!

Please hear your child read each night, record the title of the school reader, the date and your signature. You will probably find they use the pictures and memorization to help them read. This is fine, as these are both important strategies to establish during the early reading stages. Ask them questions about the story to help their understanding of what they have read. Encourage them to read at other times, too. We call this 'reading mileage' and can be picture books, magazines, Library books—anything else that interests them. Read **to** them as well—even good readers love listening to stories. Have fun! We want them to enjoy reading and for it to become a life-long habit.

We look forward to working with your child this year. If you have any questions, feel free to pop in or make an appointment to see us.

Warm regards,

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