



home school connections

## RESPONDING TO READING

Dear Families,

When you read to your children, give them time to respond to the story through talking or through writing. Instead of asking specific questions about the story, ask your children how they felt or what they thought about the story. Here are four important ideas for having children respond to stories.

- Choose books carefully. Make sure books are interesting to your child and worth the time to read.
- Encourage your child to talk about the book during and after reading. Any conversation about books should be encouraged.
- Help your child understand the story if necessary. While reading, ask your child what is happening in the story. If your child doesn't know, reread parts of the book.
- Praise your child for all attempts to discuss books.

I hope your family enjoys these ideas for reading and responding to stories.

Sincerely,

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Reading Team  
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