



SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NEILLSVILLE

Dear Parents,

Neillsville Elementary School is consistently researching and implementing strategies and practices to ensure students have a solid foundation in literacy. One of the practices that is helpful is the home school partnership.

Studies have proven that reading aloud to children, starting at an early age, will foster their success and enjoyment when reading by themselves. Therefore, we encourage parents to do the following with books from home and the school:

1. Show picture books to your children and say the name of the objects. This will assist your children in learning the importance of language and vocabulary.
2. Read books aloud to your children. This stimulates their imagination and understanding of the world. It also helps children develop listening and verbal language skills. This is even important when children already know how to read.
3. Talk about the story you read. This will encourage a love for reading and strengthen comprehension (understanding).
4. Point to print, at times, when you read. This teaches the concept of letters, punctuation, and words on a page.

Our goal is not only to teach students how to read, but to motivate students to want to read. Therefore, when books are sent home, please read them aloud and talk about them with your child(ren). Reading to your children will assist them in being fluent, successful readers. In addition, please return the books to the school the next day so the children can practice reading them with their teachers.

Sincerely,

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