

September 4, 2018

## READ-AT-HOME-PROGRAM 2018

Dear Parents,

Our “New and Improved” read-at-home program **begins today!** Each student can bring in a reading slip dated and signed by the parent indicating that either the student has read independently for **a minimum of** fifteen minutes that day, or has been read to for that amount of time. The student turns the signed slip in to the teacher the following school day who keeps a record of them. In the spring, students earn a dollar value based on the number of slips to spend at the school book fair. A student may turn in **only one slip per school day**. A slip may be turned in for an excused absence if on the first day back and a signed absence excuse is turned in at the same time. A single slip for the weekend must be turned in on the first school day of the week. Multiple day slips will not be accepted.

*Please be honest about signing these slips. Remember that when you sign the slip and your child hasn't done the reading, you are teaching a lesson about honesty that he or she will remember! Students may be asked about what they read for the slip.*

Research (and our practical experience) shows that children who read independently, or are read to when younger, have a broader general knowledge, improved vocabularies, and better comprehension skills. The key point of this effort is to get students reading at their level for a minimum of 15 minutes each and every day. As with any skill, practice improves performance. We urge you to encourage you children in their read-at-home participation. Also, part of our Title I funding requirements this year asks us to have a formal agreement, or compact, between parents and teachers to support children’s learning. By encouraging your child to participate in the read-at-home program, we can satisfy that requirement.

As in the past, funds for this program are generously donated by the Lubec Lions Club, and our PTC runs the book fair and assist the children in making their selections. We appreciate your support for this program and encourage you to call if you have any questions.

A sheet of reading slips will be sent home. Please request more when needed.

Sincerely,

Scott Johnson  
Principal