



NORTHLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Firm Foundations, Future Learnings

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Letter to Parents: 63/2017 (P4 to P6 Students)

Through: The Principal

Dear Parents,

Letter #01- Provide Encouragement in Reading!

(1) Give Praise to Your Child

Your child often looks up to you for guidance. Often children develop their own habits and routines based on what they observe the adult figures around them do. If your child sees his/her parent spending a good amount of time reading, he/she may be inclined to follow. Setting a good example is more than just giving your child a lot of books. You can contribute to your child's reading progress through some of these ideas:

- Praise your child if he/she learns new skills in reading. Build successful readers through affirmation.
- Refrain from comparing the child's choice of genre from others. Allow him/her the space to select good reading materials.
- Listen to your child and encourage hi/m/her to talk about what he/she is reading. Do this on a regular basis.
- Make books and other reading materials a regular part of gift-giving. Provide opportunities to share the love of books with your child.

(Extract from A. D. Fredericks and E. P. LeBlanc, *Letters to Parents in Reading*)

(2) Opening Hours of PAC MRL during the June Holidays

The school library would be opened from 31 May to 14 June from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Your child can make use of the space.

(3) Reading Journals (Booklet is distributed with this letter)

National Library Board (NLB) has provided the school and the community libraries with books to supplement the English Stellar curriculum. We are distributing the journals through your child. Your child is encouraged to use them and complete the “My Reading Journey” page(s) during the June holidays. He/she can show the completed entry to Ms Shaniz (library assistant) when school reopens and receive a small token. *He/she does not need to complete the activity with the book(s) recommended in the Reading Journal.* (Extra copies of the journals would be placed in the school library)

(4) Reading Interest Profile Booklet (Only for P4 and P5 students)

Reading Interest Profile is used to identify the students’ preferred reading genre, accompanied with book recommendations by the NLB. Your child is strongly encouraged to take this profiling during the holidays to understand his/her reading interest.

(5) NLB Mass Borrowing Sessions

NLB Book Buzz would be in our school library for borrowing of NLB books in Term 2 on 22 and 23 May and Term 3 on 10 and 11 July. The staff would be bringing Mother Tongue books in Term 3. Please remind your child to bring along his/her NLB card.

Thank you.

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