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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Reading changes lives. You are an important part of your child's reading journey and have a high impact on their learning and success. Whatever age your child is, it is critical that they learn to read well; their success depends on it. When parents are active partners in their children's education, their children are more likely to succeed and the school community is strengthened.

Reading just 10 minutes a day builds background knowledge and vocabulary, improves achievement, increases motivation and empathy, supports writing development and opens doors to future success.

At home, you can make a difference in your family's reading success in the following ways:

- **Help your child find books that match their interests.** It is important for readers to choose books they really want to read. Get started at their school library, sign up for an [Edmonton Public Library card](http://www.epl.ca/signup) at www.epl.ca/signup or [download digital books](https://app.overdrive.com/) at <https://app.overdrive.com/> to read on the go.
- **Make reading a part of family life and routines** by setting aside time to read, having a variety of books in the house or listening to audiobooks in the car.
- **Talk about reading as a family.** Share recommendations, ask questions and make predictions about what is being read. Read the same books as your older children or teens so you can discuss the ideas you read. Acknowledge that reading is a complex skill and can be challenging to learn. Let your child know that encountering challenges when reading is normal and that you are there to support them. In order to become better readers, they must keep reading.
- **Download the EPSB Together App** to make literacy and numeracy a bigger part of your daily life.



**“If we want kids to be better readers, they must read.”
(Beers & Probst, 2017)**

Follow Edmonton Public Schools on Facebook and Twitter for tools and tips such as video clips, specific strategies, articles and other ideas to support you and your child through this journey. We welcome your active involvement. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at Kameyosek School – 780-462-8724.

Sincerely,

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