Dear Parents and Guardians,

Research has shown that the best way to improve reading skills is simply to READ more. This year your son or daughter will be responsible for keeping track of his or her reading time at home. The information filled out will allow me to know what your child is reading at home. This will be done by using a “Reading Log.” In addition, your child will be expected to complete one reading response each week. Ideas for the reading response may be found on the back of the Reading Log page*.* An additional copy is attached to this letter to be kept at home.

Please make sure that your child obtains at least four autographs. These autographs may be from a parent, grandparent, or an older brother or sister. The record sheet will be due every Friday. Each autograph signifies that at least 30 minutes of reading occurred each night. You may have your child read independently, or you may read aloud together. You may also choose to read for a longer period of time. The students may even include time spent reading to a younger brother or sister! I would recommend trying to spend one or two sessions reading together, so that you can listen to your child read and discuss whatever material your child is reading and thereby monitor his or her comprehension and fluency.

I appreciate your collaboration in helping your child reach their reading goals! Please contact me, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Mr. Zalesky ☺

Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Week of:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Reading Log Chart**

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|  | **Title of Book** | **Time Spent Reading**  **(minutes)** | **Type of Reading**  **(Circle as many as you did)** | **Autograph** |
| **Monday** |  |  | **Silently by myself**  **Out loud to someone**  **Someone read to me** |  |
| **Tuesday** |  |  | **Silently by myself**  **Out loud to someone**  **Someone read to me** |  |
| **Wednesday** |  |  | **Silently by myself**  **Out loud to someone**  **Someone read to me** |  |
| **Thursday** |  |  | **Silently by myself**  **Out loud to someone**  **Someone read to me** |  |

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| **My Response**  **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** |

**\*\* Please return to school on Friday \*\***

Reading Response Prompts

* This [character, place, event] reminds me of……….because……….
* I like/dislike this book because..........
* I like dislike this part of the book because..........
* This situation reminds me of something that happened in my own life (Tell the story and talk about the connections.)
* The character I [like best, admire, dislike the most] is..........because……….
* I like this part of the story because……….
* The setting of this story is important because..........
* This book makes me think about [an important social issue, a problem, and so on]
* A question that I have about this book is……….because……….
* When I read this book I felt……….
* If I were this character I would..........
* [Character] reminds me of [myself, a friend, a family member] because……….
* If I could talk to one of the book’s characters I would ask (or say)……….
* I predict that……….because..........
* This [phrase, sentence, paragraph] is an example of good writing.
* This [person, place, time] reminds me of……….
* I admire [character] because..........
* I didn’t understand the part of the story when……….
* This book reminds me of another book I have read (name other book) because……….
* The most exciting part of the book was………
* The big ideas in this book were ……….
* My favorite part of the book was ……….
* I think the author wrote the book to ……….
* After the book ends, I predict ……….
* I learned ……….
* If I could be any character in this book, I would be ………. because ……….
* The genre of this book is……….because……….
* I thought this book was [realistic, unrealistic] because……….
* This book helped me to……….