

# Literary LEOPARDS

## Home Reading Program

### Weekly Routine for Kindergarten\*

- Monday - Parent reads a story to their child.
- Tuesday - Child practices using the sound of the week and making/tracing the sound.
- Wednesday - Parent rereads the story to their child.
- Thursday - Child practices using the sound of the week and making/tracing the sound.
- Friday - Return your book bag with your books, reading log, and pencil to your teacher.

\*Halfway through the year, K students will begin a routine of reading/rereading books at their level.



### Keys to Success

- Keep the book bag in your child's backpack at all times! Only ask your child to remove the book bag during their reading time and to provide your parent signature. Then, immediately return it to the backpack. 😊
- Think about and **set up a daily schedule** that works for your family (i.e. right after school or before bath time)
- Use Alexa or Google Home to set daily reminders.
- Only allow computer/TV/device time **after** reading time.

### Incentives

K students must return a **minimum** of two signed reading logs to receive participation credit each month.

Participants will be announced at Share and Shine. Monthly prizes will be awarded and raffle winners will be announced the day after our Share and Shine celebrations.

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## **Why a reading program?**

During the 2020 COVID pandemic, schools shut down. As a result of these shutdowns, many children displayed notable gaps in their learning. In turn, the federal government asked schools to address this learning loss and allocated substantial monies to learning institutions for this express purpose. Districts were encouraged to create and implement plans that would lead to the reduction and elimination of these expansive learning deficits.

The interconnectedness of reading to all subject areas is undeniable. When kids struggle with reading, they often suffer in other academic areas. So, at LCS, we decided to implement a program that would boost reading achievement: Literary Leopards. Through federal funds, our children in grades K-6 will receive materials and supplies that enable them to read high-interest books at their reading level every day with their families.

## **Is learning to read well that important?**

Reading at home is proven to improve educational skills in the most significant of ways. When kids read a lot and often, their spelling, grammar, mechanics, vocabulary, fluency, comprehension, and writing skills improve. Thereby, their overall academic achievement improves. Studies have shown that reading also strengthens the brain, can increase empathy, prevents cognitive decline, reduces stress, aids sleep, and can alleviate depression. We get so much bang for our buck when kids read. Please join us in this crucial endeavor. Parental involvement and a show of high expectations are vital to the success of this initiative and are the most impactful way to help your child's learning progress.

Please scan the QR Code if you would like to learn about our Literary Leopards incentive program! Or, visit our web page at [www.laurencs.org](http://www.laurencs.org).

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## Kindergarten Reading Log



During the week read the enclosed book to your child at least two (2) times and practice the letter sound/formation using the playdough and letter mat at least two (2) times.

Book title: \_\_\_\_\_ Letter mat: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(Check the box for the activity you completed)

Monday:

- ☐ Read the book aloud
- ☐ Practiced letter sound/formation

Tuesday:

- ☐ Read the book aloud
- ☐ Practiced letter sound/formation

Wednesday:

- ☐ Read the book aloud
- ☐ Practiced letter sound/formation

Thursday:

- ☐ Read the book aloud
- ☐ Practiced letter sound/formation

Parent/Guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Please return the book, pencil, letter mat, & reading log on Friday enclosed in the book bag. Keep playdough at home for future use.**