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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The East Orange School District is excited to announce the launch of a new independent reading initiative. Students in grades pre-K through 8th will be required to read independently to their parent/guardian at home each night. Students in pre-kindergarten through second grade will be required to read approximately fifty minutes a week (ten minutes a night). While, students in grades three through eight are required to read one hundred minutes a week (twenty minutes a night). Students will receive a weekly independent reading log from their language arts teacher.

Please keep track of your child's at-home reading by filling in the reading log each night. The reading log should be signed and returned to the student's language arts teacher at the end of the week to receive a homework grade.

Your child will begin to gain confidence as a reader and develop their reading fluency and comprehension by reading in variety of different ways. Please be reminded that our young readers in grades kindergarten through second grade become better readers by listening to good readers read and by reading themselves.

You may choose to:

- Read to** your child while he/she listens
- Read with** your child (alternating who reads)
- Listen to** him/her read to you

We are asking that parents /guardians assist the district with this initiative by asking your child questions about their book before, during, and after reading. The hope is that by working collaboratively to support reading at school and home, we as a learning community will begin to see great gains in developing avid readers.

Have fun reading together!

**Anita Champagne**

*"Developing Leaders One Student at a Time"*