

Dear Families.

As we begin the school year and look forward to the months of learning your child will experience, we invite you to join in the Just Take 20 literacy campaign that our school will be participating in during this school year.

The Just Take 20 literacy campaign is provided by the Florida Department of Education and offers families like you free, online reading activities and resources to help add 20 minutes of daily reading to your busy life. As you may already know, reading an extra 20 minutes a day outside of the classroom drastically increases a student's ability to do well in school and life. You play a big role in this learning process, too! Research says a student's family support system is the number one predictor of school success. When parents are involved in their child's reading at home, their child does better in school.

Over the next few months, we will be participating in various reading events and activities to help your child find the lifelong love of reading and to support you as you encourage this behavior at home. The first step to participate in this exciting effort is to visit JustTake20.org. Here you will find it easy to practice reading at home with quick and easy-to-implement activities that are tailored to your child's grade level and needs. Please consider providing your child's teacher with progress updates about how your child is performing on the online activities. By communicating with your child's teacher, you will be able to form a strong partnership to support your child's literacy learning at school and at home.

We are very excited to use these new resources to spark your child's love of reading and we hope to better support you as your child learns at home. Please be on the lookout for monthly materials that will be sent home with your child and visit JustTake20.org today.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher and they will be sure to help you in any way that they can.

Thank you and let's have a great school year together reading 20 minutes a day!



