



Dear Families,

This month in Reading Workshop we will continue to practice figuring out hard words and clearing up confusing parts in our reading. Continue to help you child decode the words they read by using the strategies shared with you in October. At this point, some of the students reading energy is devoted to figuring out the words in the story with little understanding about the material read. It is important to help them find a balance between decoding and comprehension. Here are a few questions you can ask when reading with your child at home to help them better comprehend and balance their reading energy:

- What is the story about?
- What is your favorite part?
- What is the problem? Solution?
- Who are the characters in the story?
- Do you like the characters? Why/Why not?
- What is the main idea of the story?
- Is there a moral of the story?
- What is the problem in the story?
- How is the problem solved?
- Can you think of another way to solve the problem?
- Where is the setting of the story?
- Is the book fiction or nonfiction? How do you know?
- What is another way the story could have ended?
- If you were going to interview a character in the story, what would you ask them?
- Would you recommend this book to a friend? Why?/ Why not?

Sincerely,  
The First Grade Teachers