



Dear Families,



We are getting ready to launch our next unit of study in Reading Workshop. In this unit, we will once again rally our students around the study of characters. This unit is different than the other two character units that came earlier in the year. Students will begin reading about either characters in a series or characters that go together in some way. By this time of the year, your child will be reading with more accuracy, fluency and comprehension across a wide range of text levels. The characters in many of your child's books will be more developed, which offers more possibilities to invest in the world of story! Students will have the opportunity to once again join their reading clubs.



As your child takes on this journey of getting to know their characters and how stories develop, you may want to encourage them to use Post-its to mark parts they want to address in their reading clubs. Parts where they have a strong reaction, or where the character(s) have strong feelings are a good place to start. Your child may also wish to write on Post-its about parts where there is trouble or huge changes. Children should Post-it these parts so that when they meet with their clubs they are eager to talk about what they've discovered!



Don't forget to continue to encourage your child to read with expression. As children reread their texts to you, nudge them to stop and think what the characters might be saying and how the characters might say those things. Children may think about how their character sounds and the kinds of expressions and gestures they would use. Happy Reading!



Sincerely,
The First Grade Teachers

