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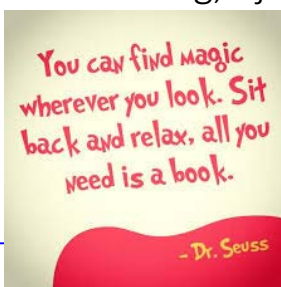
Wolcott Street News!

Dear WSS Families/Guardians,

It's **Pick A Reading Partner Month** at WSS! Please help us as we continue to build the love of **READING** with our kids! Below, is some information from *Raising Readers 4 Life* that every parent should know about reading:

- ◆ Access to interesting reading material is the best predictor of future reading ability. The more you choose to read, the better you get at it!
- ◆ Books of interest help readers try out concepts they are learning, expand vocabulary, and motivate a child to read even more. Too often, reading is, "Something I have to do for school."
- ◆ Our four and five-year old children are just getting "in the reading game." They need time and patience to build confidence as they practice and develop reading strategies.
- ◆ Our six and seven-year old children continue strategy and concept building as they increase their comprehension. They too need time and patience too as these develop.
- ◆ Reading without comprehension is only word-calling or sound identification. The purpose of reading is to understand text.
- ◆ Set aside time to talk with your child about what they are reading—what they liked, didn't like, what they would change.

Most of all...read, read, read! Read together, read with a friend, read with a relative, read to a stuffed animal, read to a sibling,...just read. Here's to a great month!



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