Dear Families,

Your child has started the **100 Book Challenge**, part of our *Independent Reading Level Assessment* (IRLA) program. We are excited to be using this as research shows that students who read for an hour a day every day, from books they *can* read, have a better chance for success in school and in life. The more time your child spends reading, the better reader he or she will become.

We need your help! Every night your child will bring home a book and a reading log. Each student is required to read at least **30** minutes. The time is measured in “steps”, with each 15 minutes equaling one step. Therefore, students are reading at least two steps every night at home, and two steps in school. We need YOU to help by serving as a **Home Reading Coach**. The position requires someone to encourage the reader, listen to the reader, and sometimes ask the reader questions. We also need someone to help fill in the Reading Log each night and send it back each day. It should become a routine.

The **Home Reading Coach** is also responsible for providing a quality reading environment. This will mean finding a good place to read where there is no TV, computer, phone, video games, and so on. Some families choose to make it a family event where everyone reads. Many students say this is something they *really* look forward to doing.

Please consider this investment in your child’s future. If you have any questions, don’t hesitate to contact the school. We look forward to seeing great gains and much pride in our reading accomplishments.

Sincerely,

Ms. Meyers

