

Dear Early Elementary Family,

Reading often and from different kinds of books has many benefits. Research has shown that reading is the best way to improve vocabulary, comprehension and fluency. Reading also helps students become better writers. The best way to become a better reader is to practice!

Each day at school, students spend a chunk of time reading independently during Reading Workshop. Students practice skills that help them to comprehend their reading, build their fluency, expand their vocabulary, reflect on their reading, and discuss their books with others. In order to do this, a variety of books is necessary.

Community organizations banded together during this unprecedented time to provide literacy resources to students at LCS. Lapeer Leader Fund, Kiwanis, Optimists, and Rotary organizations reaffirmed their already longstanding commitment to the students of Lapeer Community Schools by providing funds to purchase books for our Early 5's, Kindergarten and 1st grade students. More than 700 early learners will be able to use these resources to increase fluency, comprehension, vocabulary and their love of reading. Because of this generous donation, 12 books at the correct reading level will be purchased and delivered right to the home of students, thus eliminating exposure during the remainder of the Michigan stay at home order.

The books can be used to help students maintain their reading stamina and reading skills that they developed prior to schools transitioning to virtual learning. Please plan to return the books to school during Open House for back to school in the fall.

We are looking forward to the return of students to classrooms in the fall, and are excited to hear about all of the books that students read during our time apart!

Yours in Education,

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