



Dear Parents,

The Importance of Extensive Reading and Viewing

It is our aim to improve the chances and opportunities of all the children in our school. One of the most significant ways for this to be achieved is through improving the English reading skills of every child. We would like to enlist your help in the achievement of this goal by encouraging and ensuring that your child reads English texts for *at least 30 minutes every day*.

Research has shown that getting students to read extensively is an effective way to enhance their language proficiency. As the amount of reading needed to achieve fluency and efficiency cannot be covered in class, reading out of class has to be promoted to extend students command of the language. It is hoped that through reading extensively, students will not only associate books with the classroom but also see reading as a pleasurable out-of-class and lifelong enrichment activity.

In YOTTKPSS, we encourage students to read extensively in our English Language curriculum in the following ways:

Reading lessons

We have extensive reading lesson regularly. Students select at least 2 readers and teachers monitor their progress constantly in class through individual teacher-student conferences and the checking of students' reading record. Target to be met:

- S1 & 2 At least 40 books read by the end of June 2017
- S3 & 4 At least 20 books read by the end of June 2017 (thicker books)

Reading aloud

Our Form One students, who have just been promoted from their primary schools, may have different starting points in their reading habits. To begin with, reading aloud enables students to be engaged in the reading process and at the same time, to learn to use different strategies and paces to tackle the reading text and task.

TV news

TVNews is an e-Learning platform which provides authentic local news clips and online exercises for self-access learning. Students are expected to *watch the selected news clipping weekly* and finish the online exercises. Students with excellent performances will be awarded under TVNews Award Scheme. For details, please visit the website <http://tvnews.hkedcity.net/public/default.aspx>

Other reading materials

Every Tuesday morning, students read during the morning reading session named *Reading Is Power*. Our school also subscribes to daily newspaper and magazines. Last but not least, students are strongly encouraged to borrow books from the library and do online research for different content areas.

In conclusion, motivating students to be responsible and independent learners through reading and viewing is central to our reading scheme. We feel sure that with the help of parents we can reach the important goal of extensive reading and viewing so as to improve the chances and opportunities of every child in our school. Please do not hesitate to contact Ms Lau Wing Mei, our English Panel Chair, if you have any queries or would like further information.

All English readers should be returned to the class English teacher in good shape. Students are required to pay \$100 as fine for the replacement copy and administration work of every book they lost or damaged.

Ng Kit Yung
Principal

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Reply slip (to be submitted to the English teacher by 3 Oct)

I am notified of the arrangement of **Extensive Reading and Viewing** and will urge my child to follow the instructions of the class English teacher.

Name of student: _____ Class: _____ ()

Signature of parent / guardian: _____