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 Dear Families,

I believe reading meaningful literature & authentic texts are an essential component to your child’s reading development. Therefore, part of your child’s weekly work will be to spend quality time with books each evening. Second graders should be able to read about 10 minutes **or more** each night. My reading log asks that each child read at least 40 minutes **or more** each week. Reading time can be independent, as well as being read to. I suggest a combination of both.

We are fortunate to have an extensive reading library in our classroom that is labeled with letters according to individual reading levels. It is out of this library and my own library that the books will be checked out of each week by your child as their Just Right Take Home Book. The books will be coming home for you to enjoy together in a durable reading bag, which needs to be brought back to school.

In order for your child to participate in my “Borrow-a-Book” program, please read the letter below with your child, sign it & return it to school as soon as possible. We hope to start taking home books next week!

Please retain the top & return the bottom portion to Mrs. O’Neill. Happy Reading!

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**BORROW-A-BOOK CONTRACT**

Dear Mrs. O’Neill,

Yes! Our family has talked about borrowing books from your classroom & reading library. We understand that the “reading bag” needs to be brought back to school as well with the books. We know that we need to be responsible with the books by taking care of them & by bringing them back to school in the reading bag before new books can be checked out.

We also discussed that missing books & book bags, as well as damaged books, will need to be replaced. Replacing bags costs $5 & books cost will vary I can tell you the title or the amount owed.

Sincerely,

Student’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_