

Dear Families,

Welcome to the new school year! Learning to read will be an important goal for your child this year. We will be working on this goal every day in our classroom, and you also have an essential part to play at home! This year we will participate in the **Fast Start** program. **Fast Start** is a set of short poems and wordplay activities for you and your child to do *together*. Please spend ten minutes on **Fast Start** with your child each evening. Here is how the program works.

Each Monday, I will assign one or two poems and send home a log sheet. The **Fast Start** routine is simple:

Enjoy the poem together.

Then...

Spend a few minutes doing the activity on the family page. I will mark the log sheet to tell you which ones to use with your child, but feel free to try activities from the other two sections as well.

On the log sheet, record the amount of time you and your child have spent on the routine.

Please have your child return the log sheet the following Monday.

And enjoy! As always, please contact me if you have questions or want to share information about your child. Together we will help children become strong and successful readers!

Sincerely,

Miss Ingram