## RAZ-Kids First Grade READING

Dear Parents,

I'm excited to announce that RAZ-Kids is up and running! RAZ-Kids is an individualized reading program that allows your student to read books and practice literacy skills at his/her own independent reading level.

Please have your child read and record their reading minutes each night on their monthly reading calendar. A great first grade goal to strive for is 20 minutes of nightly reading. If you do not have access to a computer or tablet, please let me know and additional reading materials will be provided for your student to take home.

Here are some suggestions to help your child when he/she is having difficulty reading independently.

- As you read, point to each word to make the oral language and print connection.
- Give a few seconds of wait time to see what attempts are made to figure out the word before telling your child the word.
- Ask what would make sense in the sentence.
- Use the picture clues.
- Skip the word and come back.
- Go back to the beginning of the sentence and get a running start.
- Flip the vowel sound in the word (long vs. short sound).

After your child is finished reading the selection, have them complete the comprehension questions or ask them questions that you see fitting for the story. Rereading the story will also help with fluency.

Sincerely, Mrs. Patterick

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#### **Kids A-Z Login Instructions**

Step 1: Go to www.kidsa-z.com

Step 2: Enter or choose the teacher's username.

Step 3: Click on the picture or enter the password from your student's login card.

#### **How to Register and Receive Progress Reports**

Step 1: After your child logs in, click on the green parent button at the top right corner.

Step 2: Send a note or let your child's teacher know that you have registered, so they can approve your email.

Kids A-Z App is also available





