**Empowering Parents to Help their Children to Develop Stonger Literacy Skills (Kindergarten – Grade 5)**

* **Was your child “Not Yet Meeting” or “Approaching Expectations” on their December report card?**
* **Are you tired with arguing with your child about reading every night?**
* **Would you like to learn new skills that will help you work with your child at home and really make a difference?**

Then you should attend our series of 3 Parent Literacy Sessions on January 30, February 13, and February 27. **Please note that this is a repeat of the Parent Literacy Sessions offered last fall.**

Research has consistently proven that parent involvement increases student achievement in school. Students whose parents are involved in their education, especially their early literacy development, are more motivated to read, demonstrate a greater self-efficacy as readers and voluntarily participate in literacy activities more often. These students are more interested in learning and experience higher competence, exhibit more effort, concentration and attention.

If you would like to participate in this program, you would be expected to attend all three Parent Information Evenings at Parkside Centennial Elementary where we will work together to develop an increased understanding of how to support your child’s development as strategic readers and word detectives.

In the weeks between sessions, you will be expected to read daily with your child and support their reading development by using the prompts and strategies that we will discuss.

Dates of Parent Information Evenings: (approximately 1 hour sessions; 6:00 pm start)

* Thursday, Jan 30; Thursday, Feb 13; Thursday, Feb 27.
* Child minding will be provided (Please let me know if you require childminding in your RSVP so I will have enough caregivers available)

**If you would like to participate in this program, please RSVP to me by email at** [**cgracie@sd35.bc.ca**](mailto:cgracie@sd35.bc.ca) **by January, 24th.**

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