



Dear Parents,

Thank you for investing in your children's education! Did you know that one of the best things you can do for your kids academically is to encourage them to read?

Unfortunately, some kids are harder to motivate than others. Of course, you can read articles such as "[4 Ways to Motivate Kids to Read More](#)" or "[Parent-Proven Tips to Get Kids Reading](#)" to find fresh ideas. You may already read with your children and to your children (after all even reading to older kids has value). And if you're like most parents, you find books

that interest them through bookstores, libraries, and even book review sites such as [Common Sense Media](#) or [PluggedIn.com](#).

This letter is not about those great steps that you've already taken but to encourage you to find ways to motivate your kids through Reading and Learning Games and Goal Setting/Awards.

**Reading and Learning Games.** Get a free reading game that you can personalize to your children's reading needs. Here is a list of resources that are available free of charge:

Home Connect Site: <https://www.mclasshome.com/homeconnect>

Khan Kids: <https://learn.khanacademy.org/khan-academy-kids/>

ABCYa: <https://www.abcya.com/>

Students may also log in through their Clever account and access learning materials/ games teachers have available for them.

**Goal Setting and Awards.** Visit the local library and sign up for the summer reading program. This can provide your child with an incentive to read and offer a variety of books that interest your child. <https://www.westcusterlibrary.org/summer-reading-program>

Together, we can give your kids the support they need to succeed as readers . . . and as students!

Sincerely,

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