Dear Parent,

We are having so much fun reading in the classroom! Help us grow their little minds at home too!

Read a favorite book with your child and share how much you love it! When you read and write together, it goes further than conversation. It creates background knowledge, builds vocabulary, provides a role model, and helps your child become a reader and writer.

The time you spend working on these activities counts as volunteer hours needed to match funding for the Head Start and Early Head Start programming. This is also known as inkind.

Please sign below and record the amount of time you and your child spent reading or writing this month.

Thank you for reading with your child!

Child’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Total time spent reading and doing literacy activities with your child:

Week 1 \_\_\_\_\_\_ Week 2 \_\_\_\_\_\_ Week 3 \_\_\_\_\_\_ Week 4 \_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Staff’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Storytelling:** *Retelling stories helps children develop a sense of story structure and other understandings about language that contribute to their comprehension of text.*

**Help your child retell stories:**

* Retell a story together. Take turns telling parts of the story. Have your child tell more of the story as they are able.
* Talk about books you read with your child before and after reading. Encourage them to ask questions and to make predictions.
* Use an animated voice and modify your intonation when reading to your child.
* Use puppets, costumes, or props to help your child to recall the story or act it out.

**REMEMBER: Take time for yourself to read. If your child sees you enjoy and appreciate books, he or she will learn to value reading also.**