

## The Purpose of the Reading Log

For your child, books serve a variety of purposes:

- to acquire information
- practice reading fluency
- for pure enjoyment

The purpose of the Reading Log is to share some of your child's reading experiences with me. I am looking to see what level of reading he/she is at as well as what topics he/she is reading about. It is not expected that every book that is read or read aloud be recorded on the Reading Log. Choose to record the books that best describe your child's reading activities.

On your regular trips to the library encourage your child to choose a collection of books *to read for enjoyment*. Also encourage him/her to seek out a *variety of books*. Some ideas may be:

- Music and Art Appreciation
- Science
- History
- Practical (craft, hobby, "how-to")
- Biography/Autobiography
- Poetry
- Religious Books
- Children's versions of the Classics

These types of books usually will require a parent or an older sibling to read aloud to the child. **It is important that even though your child has begun to read, that many opportunities still exist when he/she is read aloud to.** This allows your child to be exposed to a higher level of language through literature than what he/she is able to read.



