

## **When will my child get a book with words?**

As with all aspects of learning, the answer is, 'When they are ready'.

A few parents are apparently anxious for their children to be given books with words. There is no rush for this as the children are learning so much about reading by improving their story telling skills, adding many more details and increasing their oral vocabulary. They are beginning to use the language of literacy – One day, There was once, While the family was out for a walk – are examples I've heard this week in FS2. They are learning to use dialogue by imaging what the characters are saying and they are increasing their use of adjectives. All this will help to make them better readers eventually.

Meanwhile, in class and with your support, they are learning Sounds and Sight Words which will enable them to experience real success with the early Reading Books. Once they are confident with the first 8 sets of Sight Words and can identify most of the initial sounds, they will be able to enjoy reading. Until then, giving them books with words would be setting them up to fail and, naturally, we don't do that.

So, please trust us. When your child is ready they will move to the next level but there is no hurry!

M.Turlik