

# December's Message ...

Reading is the foundation of a successful education. Children improve this all-important ability by *reading, reading, and reading* some more.

Yet in a recent study, more than half of all students surveyed said they spent just four *minutes* a day reading at home. (They also reported spending two *hours* a day watching television!)

Research shows that students who spend as little as 30 minutes a day reading books, magazines and newspapers are more likely to become good readers and do better in school. Good reading skills help in every school subject. But experts say that to build reading abilities, children must want to read. Unfortunately, many children aren't interested.

During this holiday season, why not celebrate by giving your child/ren a good book? Below please find author recommendations that we think your child/ren will enjoy:

Kindergarten:	Cooney, Barbara / Showers, Paul
Grade 1:	Parish, Peggy, / Henkes, Kevin
Grade 2:	Kimmel, Eric / Lobel, Arnold
Grade 3:	Kellogg, Steven / Simon Seymour
Grade 4:	Patent, Dorothy Hinshaw / Gilson, Jamie
Grade 5:	Taylor, Theodore / Christopher, Matt
Grade 6:	Lowry, Lois / O'Dell, Scott
Grade 7 & 8:	Dahl, Ronald / Wallace, Richard
Grade 9:	Knowles, John / Crichton, Michael
Grade 10:	Hawthorne, Nathaniel / Tuchman, Barbara
Grade 11:	Salinger, J.D. / Ambrose, Stephen
Grade 12:	Walker, Alice / Irving, John

**HAPPY READING!**

