Dear Sangster Community,

Thank you for your help getting the year off to a great start! The beginning of the school year is always an exciting time. Sangster students returned to school ready to learn and are immersed in active learning in their classrooms during the day. It was a pleasure seeing you at our Back-To-School Nights for the past two weeks.

In elementary school, we spend a large amount of time focusing on language arts. Reading and writing is a critical skill for adults and students. Elementary school is a place to gain writing and reading comprehension skills that last a lifetime. A new school year brings exciting challenges. We find as children grow older, they do less “learning to read” and more “reading to learn.” Many of your child’s homework assignments will include reading for information. Studies have also shown that non-fiction reading and writing will enhance student achievement.

To assist your child at home with reading comprehension, you may consider asking the following questions:

What is this about? Before your child reads his/her homework assignment, ask this question to prompt forward thinking. This will allow your child to relate to the topic to what he/she already knows and get his/her mind ready to learn new information

What are the most important ideas? Encourage your child to look at the pictures, graphs and subtitles to also help capture the main idea of the chapter

What is most interesting? Talk about what he/she has read will help children remember the information

What surprised you? New information can sometimes change the way a child thinks. This question will help him/her identify facts that are different from previously formed ideas and opinions
What did you find out that you didn’t know before? Applaud your child’s new knowledge

One of the best ways to encourage reading and writing is for your children to see adults reading and writing and talking about it. So, share what you’ve written – a grocery list or a letter and pick up a good book and read, read, read! Thanks for all you are doing to support student learning. As always, we welcome your comments and feedback. Please call (703) 644-8200 or email me anytime.

Your partner in education,

Lisa M. Reddel
Principal

Kiss and Ride, Crosswalk Safety, and Walkers

Please keep safety in mind! In order to keep our students safe during dismissal, please help us by following the following guidelines:

Drive slowly through the parking lot being mindful that children can be unpredictable!

Do not pass in the Kiss and Ride lane

Please stop for people in the crosswalk

Follow directions from the crossing /police officer at the crosswalk

FCPS Keep in Touch

If you have not already done so, please go to https://signup.blackboardconnect.com/fcps/Default.aspx and sign up for the Keep-In Touch System to receive important updates and information from Fairfax County Public Schools.
Parent Information Packet Regarding Level IV AAP services

Click on this link for more information: http://www.fcps.edu/is/aap/identification/currentfcps.shtml