

# Read and Sing Book Club Parent Letter

Dear Parents,

Your child is bringing home a favorite **Nellie Edge Read and Sing™** book! This book is for you and your child to enjoy singing and reading together. Depending on your child's interest, consider these enjoyable ways to read the book:

- Ask your child to sing or chant the whole book to you "by heart" while looking at the pictures.
- **Read and Sing the book with your child** and hand-in-hand point to the words.
- **Echo Reading:** You read one page and let your child reread the page.
- **Taking Turns:** You read a sentence and then let your child read the next one.
- **Listen to your child read and sing the whole book**, touching under each word. (That is what good beginning readers do!)

Some song picture books are so much fun we enjoy reading and singing them and studying the pictures over and over again. This is one way we develop a love of reading; books become like dear friends. You can probably remember those special books from childhood that you wanted to hear again and again. Song picture books create especially endearing memories. **The *Music is Magic* CD that accompanies these books is our gift to your family. Enjoy singing along!**

To help your child gain reading confidence and fluency, let them practice reading to any appreciative listener—even a stuffed animal!

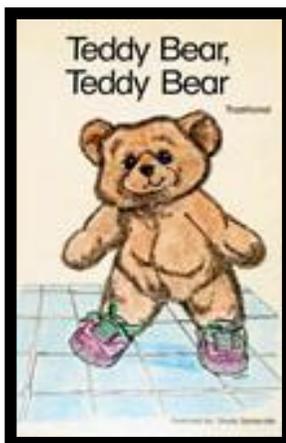
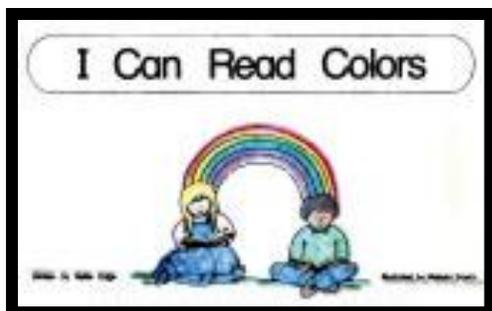
Research shows: "The more you read, the better you read... so read, read, read!"

- **Before a book can be returned to school and exchanged for a new one, your child has been asked to read and sing it to at least two people who put their initials under the title of each book on the book envelope cover.**

Please feel free to call or email me if you have any questions or comments.

With appreciation,

Your Teacher



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