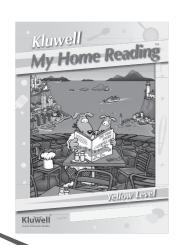
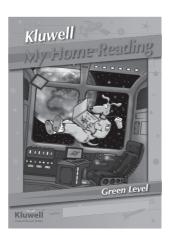
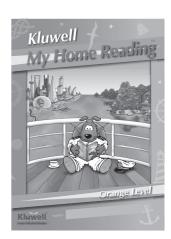
# Kluwell My Home Reading

# **Parent Handout**









### Introduction

This handout has been developed to provide some support and guidance to **HELP PARENT/S** use the 'Kluwell My Home Reading' Journal with their child at home.

The journals accompany a student's reading material for the whole school year.

PLEASE take TIME to read through your child's journal and become familiar with the information. If you are unsure about anything,

ASK your child's classroom teacher to explain.



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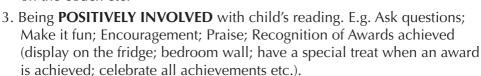
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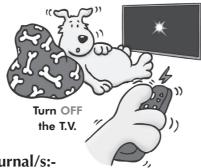
## **Parent Role**

# Encourage their child/ren to read regularly by:-

- 1. Having a **ROUTINE** established allowing for reading to take place. E.g. Before dinner; after dinner; bed time; first thing in the morning etc.
- 2. Finding a **SUITABLE PLACE** for reading. E.g. In own bed or parent/s bed; a comfortable chair; on the couch etc.





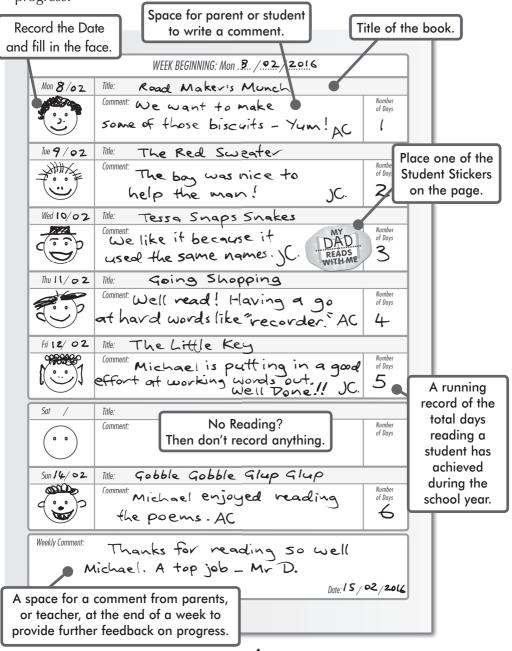


# How To Fill In The Journal/s:-

- 1. The journals are full of **USEFUL IDEAS AND HINTS** to help parents with their child's reading. Browse through the whole journal and become familiar with all the ideas and hints.
- 2. The 'Kluwell My Home Reading' journal is a record of the child's reading. The following information should be recorded each time the child reads.
  - **TITLE** of the material
  - **DATE** E.g. 5/6 (would be the 5th June)
  - Write a **COMMENT** about how the child went with their reading. In the early years, this is usually written by the parent. The child could be involved in the comment, by making suggestions, with the parent writing response down. Older students could write their own comments.
  - The child should complete the **FACE** (only in Yellow & Green Levels) to show how they felt about his/her reading. E.g. Smile—very happy.

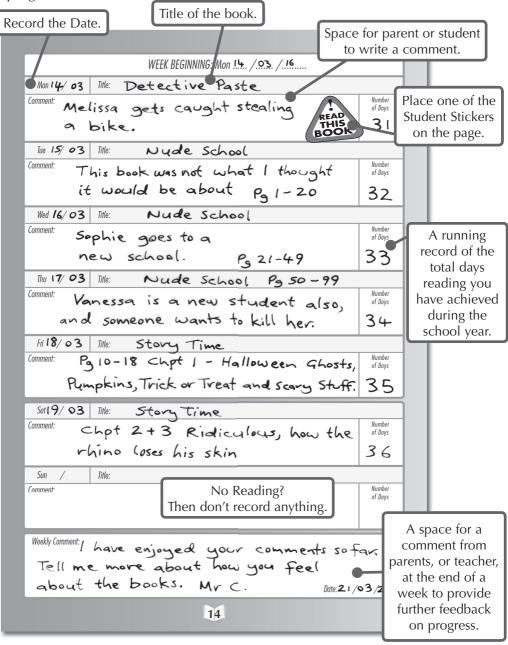
# Sample Recording Page Yellow & Green Level

Below is an example of a recording page complete with comments and progress.



# Sample Recording Page Orange Level

Below is an example of a recording page complete with comments and progress.



#### **Parent Role**

#### **How To Fill In The Journal/s:-** (Continued from page 3)

A **PROGRESSIVE COUNT** of the number of nights/days reading has taken place. It is important that the parent/caregiver or student realise that it is not the amount of reading that takes place i.e. the number of books etc., but how often reading occurs. If a child misses a night, just leave that day incomplete.

#### Refer to 'Sample Recording Pages' Page 8-9

- 3. The journal is intended to be used **REGULARLY** throughout the week and in this way will assist in promoting a routine in the child's reading habits.
- 4. There are **PROGRESSIVE AWARDS** within the journal to help promote positive reading habits and the parents may like to reinforce these awards in some way as the child achieves each award.
- 5. There are also **STICKERS** to go with the progressive awards. Students find these very motivational.
- 6. The child should be encouraged to complete some of the **ACTIVITIES** suggested throughout the journal.
- 7. Email your **BEST COMMENT** to **info@kluwell.com**



### **Student Role**

1. **CHOOSE** Reading Material

A student can either:-

- i) Get classroom teacher to choose
- ii) Choose something themselves
- iii) Ask the librarian



- 2. Bring the 'Kluwell My Home Reading' journal to **SCHOOL EVERY DAY**.
- 3. Try and read as **OFTEN** as possible.
- 4. Decide when the **BEST TIME** is to read. E.g. Immediately after school; Before dinner; After dinner; At bed time; First thing in the morning etc.
- 5. Write/suggest a **COMMENT** about your reading and record in the comment section.
- 6. When awards have been reached with correct number of nights, get your class teacher to complete the details in journal and get the **AWARD AND STICKER** filled out. If the classroom teacher is happy to photocopy awards, get a copy filled in and place on bedroom wall, fridge or somewhere where it is on display.
- 7. **CELEBRATE** the achievement of reaching each award or set a target. E.g. 100 Nights!
- 8. Take **CARE** and look after 'Kluwell My Home Reading' journal.
- 9. Visit the local **LIBRARY**.

# **A Positive Reading Environment**

## 20 Suggestions

- 1. Make reading a fun, enjoyable activity.
- 2. Turn off TV, computer and other devices.
- 3. Parent/s should be seen as a reader themselves.
- 4. Visit the local library.
- 5. Give books as presents.
- 6. Subscribe to magazines.
- 7. Have the daily newspaper delivered.
- 8. Do not restrict reading material to only books.
- 9. Be patient.
- 10. Praise child's efforts!
- 11. Find a comfortable spot to read.
- 12. Make a regular time to read.
- 13. FREE of interruptions.
- 14. Do not compare a child's performance with others.
- 15. Be interested!
- 16. Where possible involve child in selection of material.
- 17. Ask questions before and after reading.
- 18. Correct mistakes in a positive manner.
- 19. Relaxing for both child and parent.
- 20. Show child how to care for books.



