



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

In school, your child is participating in activities that feature characters and themes from Simon & Schuster's Little Simon chapter book program. These exciting series are designed for readers ages 5-9 who are just starting to read chapter books on their own. It includes a host of genres, each with characters kids love and stories that capture their imaginations, including fearless kids who can talk with animals and princess kitties who have royal adventures. Little Simon is sure to have chapter books that will get your child excited about reading.

Tips for Supporting Your Child's Reading at Home

Help reinforce your child's reading efforts at home. Here are some tips to help you.

- **Create a Reading Routine.** Read with your child every day to support reading fluency.
- **Sounds Familiar!** Support reading comprehension by talking about story action, characters, and plot/problems in these books. Help your child identify connections to story elements from their real-world experiences.
- **Same, but Different.** Reinforce critical-thinking skills by talking with your child about similarities and differences between characters and themes of books they reads.
- **Set a Reading Goal and Make it FUN!** Plan to read a set number of books within a specific time frame and record your progress on the Family Book Challenge Chart below. To start:
 1. Take a family vote on how you'll celebrate once the goal is achieved and write it on the chart. (Maybe a movie night, pizza night, or trip to the library to check out more books!)
 2. After completing a book, fill in a row on the chart and have your child rate the book by coloring the stars.
 3. Have your child draw a picture for each book they read and describe it to you.

Family Book Challenge Chart

We will read _____ books in _____ days.

We will celebrate our reading success by _____.

Book title	Author	Rating (1 star is the lowest rating; 5 is the best!)
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