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Dear Parents,

We are pleased to inform you that King Springs is participating in a school wide Reading Incentive program called Rocket Readers. Students will benefit from extra reading practice while earning monthly recognition and work toward the Breakfast of Champions awards program to be held in May.

How it Works: Each month, October – March, students will receive a new Mission Card. If the student completes the Partial Eclipse, (1/2 of their card), then they will receive the prize only. If a Total Eclipse (the entire card) is achieved, they will receive the prize, a certificate and have their picture posted on the Wall of Champions. Prizes will be given out at the beginning of the next month. Only Total Eclipse cards count toward the end of the year Rocket Reader celebration.

- 1. Read the book.** Students can choose any author or category of book they wish to read that is on their reading level (unless guided by their teacher). Books can be checked out from the school Media Center before school, during their Media Center time or they can visit their local library. We suggest having family reading nights when you leave the TV off, and the whole family reads together (children learn by example).
- 2. Answer questions.** On the back of the Mission Card are questions designed to verify that the student has read the books listed on the front. All questions must be answered to receive full credit. *Only answer questions for the books listed on the front of the Mission Card.* Handwriting should be neat.
- 3. Do Not Duplicate Books. We suggest keeping a log to prevent duplication.** Books should only be used once during the Rocket Reader school year, which runs from October to March. *Mission Cards with duplicate books will not be accepted. Parents and students will be notified when a duplicate book needs to be replaced.*
- 4. Turn in card.** Mission Cards must be turned in by the **due date** to their homeroom teacher or the Rocket Reader box in the Media Center. Due date reminders will be on the morning and afternoon announcements, in the PTA Newsletter and on the Mission Card.

We believe that a Reading Incentive program motivates children to read more. Practice is the key to reading success – and Rocket Readers will give kids lots of reading practice!

If you have questions about this program, please send a note in your child's folder with information on how I can contact you or feel free to email me at fourwilebears@charter.net.

Thank you,

Danette Wile
Rocket Readers Chair