



## B.C. First Nations Head Start **Daily Home Reading Program**

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FOR FOUR YEARS NOW, OSOYOOS K4/K5 STUDENTS have been active participants in a daily home reading program.

Initially, finding enough resources for the children to read with their parents each night for an entire school year was a challenge. However, by the end of the first year, staff were able to secure funds through their board of education to purchase a wide range of simple early literacy picture books that include several First Nations content books. The classroom library of take-home books continues to grow, and so do the appetites of their young readers!

Staff use an incentive chart program to track the number of books read by each student and prizes are awarded from the prize box to the students each time a level is completed. The children love making predictions about which of their classmates have completed a level when they see the prize box come out during dismissal time—staff usually turn it into a game of 20 questions to figure out who the big winner is for the day.

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