# DID YOU KNOW?

**READING FACTS** 



# HERON STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO READ FOR 30 MINS PER DAY

# • WHY?

• READING FOR 20 MINUTES A DAY EXPOSES CHILDREN TO 1.8 MILLION WORDS A YEAR

- CHILDREN WHO READ FOR 20 MINUTES A DAY ACHIEVE IN THE TOP 10% OF STUDENTS NATIONALLY,
- •WHILE CHILDREN WHO READ FOR 5 MINUTES A DAY SCORE IN THE BOTTOM 10%

- CHILDREN WHO READ ARE ABLE TO EXPRESS THEIR IDEAS IN A CLEARER WAY. NOT READING, HOLDS BACK YOUR CHILD'S WRITING
- CHILDREN WHO READ, ARE STRONGER WRITERS

 STUDIES HAVE FOUND THAT READING FOR PLEASURE ENHANCES EMPATHY, UNDERSTANDING OF THE SELF AND THE ABILITY TO UNDERSTAND ONE'S OWN AND OTHERS' IDENTITIES.

• LISTEN TO YOUR CHILD READ / ASK THEM TO TELL YOU ABOUT WHAT THEY HAVE BEEN READING( WHAT PAGE WERE THEY ON YESTERDAY? WHAT PAGE ARE THEY ON TODAY AND WHAT'S HAPPENED IN THE STORY IN-BETWEEN?/ FIND OUT THEIR READING AGE: ITS IN THEIR PLANNER!