

# Reading is Fun!

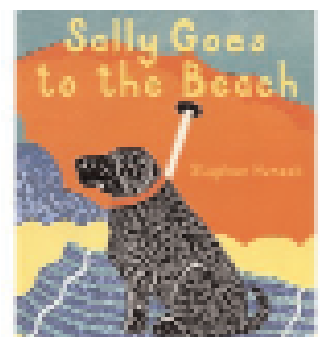
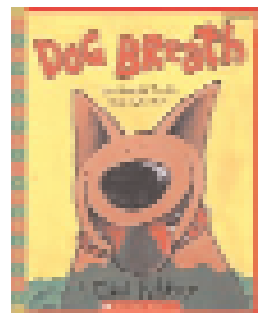
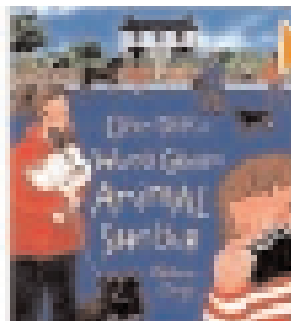
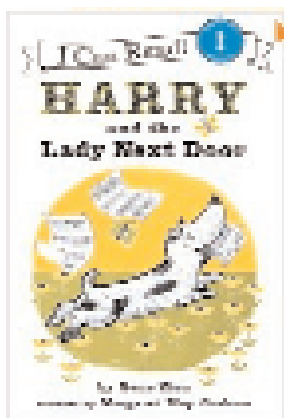


Dear Stars Club Family:

Wow! We can't believe this was our last Session II meeting! Your children were active and engaged participants in the Reading is Fun Club. Hope they enjoyed our projects and books as much as I enjoyed getting to work with and know them. Thank you to Mrs. Levy for being part of our Club. Thanks also to Mrs. Bider, Mrs. Ozereko, Joan Murphy and Clarisse Cowdery for their most helpful ideas and contributions.

This week we had our special visitor - Jack, the R.E.A.D. dog. The Reading Education Assistance Dogs program improves children's reading and communication skills by employing a powerful method: reading to a dog. R.E.A.D. dogs are registered therapy animals who volunteer with their owner/handlers as a team, going to schools, libraries and many other settings as reading companions for children.

Dogs were the stars of the reading show today! We read "Harry the Dog" books by Gene Zion - these classic books have been children's favorites since "Harry the Dirty Dog" was first published in 1956. Other canine-friendly choices were "Walter the Farting Dog" (fresh and funny!), "Dog Breath" (halitosis saves the day!), "Sally Goes to the Beach" (looking forward to vacation!). Jack's favorite was definitely "One Day at the Wood Green Animal Shelter" as evidenced by lots of tail-wagging!



Check out the "Stars Club Website" link on the North Beverly website to read more about our Club and find informative and fun reading links!