



# Baggy Book Tips

1. Baggy Books will be brought home on Tuesdays and will need to be returned the following Monday. Please return these books on time so that your student can have a new story each week!
2. Please keep these books in the Ziplock bag in your child's M.O.N.S.T.E.R. notebook. This will be VERY helpful in keeping up with the Baggy Book. These books are from my personal collection and they aren't cheap. I know that things happen but I need to use these books for many years to come!
3. In some books, the fishy words have been marked with a  $\alpha$  under them. Our fishy words are words that we need to memorize either because they don't follow the rules or we haven't learned the rule yet. Please do not have your child attempt to decode or "sound out" these words. If they don't know the word, please just supply the word for them. You can make mention of the letters (example..."c-a-n spells can...Say it with me...c-a-n spells can.").
4. If your child is struggling with a decodable word, please help them with identifying the individual sounds, always moving from left to right (the reading direction), and blend the sounds quicker and quicker until your student is able to hear how the individual sounds come together to make the word.
5. At the first of each week, it is OK for you to read the book to your student if there is resistance. As the week passes, your student may need to work on decoding while reading. By the end of the week, however, you may see that they are working on fluency and giving "voice" to the story as they read it!
6. Most importantly, please do not allow these baggy books to become a struggle for you and your student. If reading this book becomes an issue, please stop reading from the baggy book and just spend the next few minutes reading out-loud from a favorite book or simply tell your student a story. Please don't ever

- let reading become an issue of major frustration as this works against the ultimate goal of creating students who love to read!
7. I am fully aware that these books are not the most engaging stories so **PLEASE** continue reading to your child each night from favorite books!
  8. As you or your child reads their Baggy Book through the week, you can document that on their reading log!
  9. I will do my best to make sure that each student has a Baggy Book on their personal level but different series have different levels. If you feel like a certain book was either too easy or too hard, please don't hesitate to send in a note with the book on Mondays and I will try to fix the issue with the next week's book!
  10. **THANKS** for all your support of our classroom this year!

