

When I taught 1st grade, I had this on my student's desks, either the first day of school or on the day I introduce story hour/reading, I have a "Reading Survival Kit". It's a "goodie bag" that I make up for my students to get them excited about reading. Here's a copy if you'd like to make them for your class:

First Aid

(Motivation to Read)

Reading Survival Kit

- ❖ A little **AIRPLANE**: Reading takes you anywhere!
 - You can go anywhere and be anything you want to be when you open a book! So come soar to new heights with me.
- ❖ An individually wrapped wintergreen **MINT**: Reading is worth a mint! What it can do for you is priceless. Reading opens up a mint and wealth of information.
- ❖ **SMARTIES CANDY**: The more you read the **SMARTER** you get. Taste the sweetness of being a successful reader!
- ❖ Little **TREASURE** chest: Reading is valuable; a treasure and present we give ourselves forever! Keep this in your desk, in case you lose a tooth at school you can tuck it in this little box and take it safely home.
- ❖ **ADJUSTABLE KNOT BRACELET**: Wear this bracelet as a reminder to "stretch" yourself. Practice a little more each night, and try a little harder each day!
- ❖ **SMILIE FACE BOOKMARK**:
- ❖ *I hope reading brings a smile to your face! Use this bookmark to save your place.*
- ❖ **STAR STICKER**: You will become a star student if you **STICK** with reading!
 - "Always shoot for the moon, then even if you miss you still end up in the stars."
 - Shine on; be the brightest you can be!
- ❖ **BUBBLE GUM**: "Chews" reading and blow your troubles away!
 - (Dive into a book and escape stress.)
- ❖ A **BALLOON**: Reading is **FUN**-damental, it helps you fly to new heights.
- ❖ A **PENNY**: Reading is **CENT**-sational. There will be lots of time for "A penny for your thoughts and opinions too!"
- ❖ **GOLDFISH CRACKERS**: **FISH** for a good book, and get **HOOKED** on reading!

So...**READ** away; and come discover a world of wonder today!

This Kit designed and created with TLC, especially for you by me: Mrs. Henderson.

I put the goldfish crackers in a separate baggy and tuck it in the larger Ziploc. All of these things can be purchased from *Oriental Trading Co.* Or *Fun Express*. This is an inexpensive way to get children excited about reading. Use your imagination and think of different, or additional things you want to include--to tailor this to your grade level.