

## **What is Reading Initiative?**

Reading Initiative is how we make our Language Arts class sizes smaller. In school, we often refer to it as Book Club. Mrs. Deutsch, our Reading Initiative teacher, takes approximately 3 students from each of the first grades and has them for a three-hour block in the morning. This allows us all to provide the small group instruction that fosters success in reading and writing. Her class is not remedial, nor is it enrichment. She has a range of students, as do the rest of the classes. Formal reading testing is completed three times a year, and it is possible that the classes for Language Arts may change to create a narrower range of reading abilities in each classroom. This will allow for even more focused instruction. If you have any questions about this please feel free to contact any one of us about Reading Initiative.