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Dear 2nd grade Parents & Guardians,

I am pleased to announce that McCarthy Elementary School will be partnering with the Framingham Police Department to start a new program "Officer Read Aloud!" Beginning on March 1, 2019, members of the Framingham Police Department will be reading to children in our 2nd grade classrooms every other week. They will be sharing a book that was special to them as a child or one that they have enjoyed reading to their own children.

Reading aloud provides a number of opportunities and benefits for children of all ages. It builds important foundational skills, introduces vocabulary, provides a model of fluent and expressive reading, and encourages children to see and experience reading as fun. Additionally, we are hopeful this alliance with the Framingham Police Department will provide our students the opportunity to build positive relationships with Framingham Police Officers. Working together, we are helping our students to feel comfortable around Police Officers, not just as protectors, but as partners with them in our school and the community.

We are excited about this partnership and opportunity for our 2nd Grade students. We encourage you to talk with your child(ren) about the experience and what book they enjoyed each Friday.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Page, Principal
McCarthy Elementary School