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Dear Parent:

The gift of reading is one of the greatest gifts you can give your child. Reading with children can improve their listening and reading skills, build their confidence and inspire them to explore new worlds through the written word. And it's fun!

Today your child brought home a book: *Stanley's Party*. It is a gift from the Province of British Columbia to all kindergarten students in BC to help them learn to read.

Earlier this year, the Premier presented the authors of *Stanley's Party* with the first ever Time to Read: British Columbia Achievement Foundation Award for Early Literacy. This book was selected by the BC Achievement Foundation from 126 submissions.

With this book, we are involving your family in British Columbia's efforts to create a generation of lifelong readers. Children who have their own books and whose families read to them often have a head start as learners.

For more information on how to help your child read, please visit the ReadNow BC website ([www.readnowbc.ca](http://www.readnowbc.ca)).

I encourage you to read *Stanley's Party* with your child. Give your young learner the gift of reading, and have fun spending time together.

Sincerely,

Shirley Bond  
Minister  
Deputy Premier