

Reading Fluency

Reading fluency is the ability to read accurately, quickly, effortlessly, and with appropriate expression and meaning. Reading fluently is important because it allows the reader to focus on content. When a reader is laboring over decoding (sounding out) the words, the meaning is lost.

Ways to help your child become a more fluent reader:

- Select reading material that is on the appropriate reading level for your child to practice reading fluently.
- Have your child read orally on a regular basis for practice.
- Repeated readings (reading the same passage more than once) is very helpful in improving fluency.
- Recognizing “high frequency” words instantly is crucial in reading success. These are words that are most encountered in reading and writing. The list of these words, activities to practice them, and additional tips for helping your child master them can be found on the websites below.

http://w4.nkcsd.k12.mo.us/~kcofer/fry_words_pg.htm

<http://www.cfisd.net/dept2/curricu/ellang/Fry%20Word%20List%20-%20Phrases%20and%20Short%20Sentences.pdf>

http://www.reading-tutors.com/tips/TH_Tips_HFW.pdf

While fluency is not an end in itself, it is a critical gateway to comprehension.