

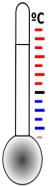


Our Home & School Connection

ARRSD Title 1 Newsletter

2020 Winter: Focus on Fluency

What is reading fluency? Reading fluency is the speed or rate of words read in a text. A fluent reader is able to read words with automaticity, prosody (expression and effective use of punctuation), and accuracy. This is a measured skill that is linked with reading comprehension. A student's reading fluency is an initial indicator of his/her overall reading ability and an important factor in determining if there may be something interfering with expected reading development. Similar to taking your temperature to see if you have a fever or not.



Accuracy is also assessed to see how efficiently a student is able to correctly read words (in isolation or in a text) and use decoding strategies with grade level material. If a student has reading accuracy difficulty it may also indicate underlying issues that may affect reading comprehension. Here are some strategies and activities that may help to improve reading fluency (which may improve reading comprehension) you can try at home:

- Short, daily reading of words or passages, articles on a topic of interest to your student like Scholastic magazines
 - Daily reading will allow more exposure to words in text, letter patterns and expand vocabulary

- Re-reading your favorite story, books, passages for meaning, then reread for expression, then try rereading for deeper understanding of characters. Repeated reading can help with reading sentences and phrases with greater fluency.
- *Reader's Theater*: reading plays and reading a different character line with each reread.
- Listening to a fluent reader provides an authentic model of what a fluent reader would sound like and helps your student experience the "magic" of stories.

Reading is a lifelong skill that can be entertaining and engaging. With some "Luck," practicing reading fluency with a strategy in mind may help students that struggle with this skill. The key is to read, read, read.

Websites to Explore

[Early Childhood Letter Level Fluency](#)

[Elementary : Reading Rockets](#)

[Upper Elementary Snapshots](#)

[Reading Resources Activities: Fluency](#)

