



FLUENCY



WHAT IS FLUENCY?

Fluency refers to the ability to read accurately, at an appropriate rate, and with expression.

WHY DOES FLUENCY MATTER?

Fluency serves as the bridge between recognizing words and comprehending text. Fluent readers do not have to focus on decoding word by word; instead, they can focus on meaning.

FLUENT READERS...

- Read words accurately
- Read at an appropriate pace (i.e. they know when to slow down or speed up based on phrasing and the meaning of the text)
- Read with appropriate expression (i.e. their pitch, tone, and volume reflect the meaning)

ACTIVITIES TO BUILD FLUENCY

Echo Reading: Take turns reading aloud with your child. Read a page to your child, and then ask your child to read the same page, so that they can use your reading as a model.

Repeat Reading: Rereading favorite books over and over again can help a child to read with greater expression and build confidence.

Record It: Create audio recordings of your own by recording yourself as the expert model for your child. Have your child listen to it and follow along while practicing to improve their fluency to sound like you. Then have your child record the same text on their own.

Partner Read: Spend time each day reading with your child. Take turns reading to each other.

