

PARENT UNIVERSITY PRESENTS

What families need to know about ...



Fluency

Fluency is the ability to read orally with accuracy and expression at an appropriate rate that sounds like speech. Repeated reading improves reading fluency and the reader's overall reading achievement and comprehension.

To master the skill of fluency, children must be able to read:

- With **accuracy**.
- With **expression**.
- At a **consistent, conversational rate**.

To help with **accuracy**, have your child:

- Develop a sight vocabulary of familiar words.
- Reread and self-correct.
- Use context clues and sentence structure.
- Echo you as you read.
- Read aloud with you.
- Reread orally to practice.

To help with **expression**, have your child:

- Listen to someone read fluently.
- Recite nursery rhymes.
- Use punctuation (periods, exclamation points, question marks, commas, quotation marks, etc.) as nonverbal hints to guide his or her tone and pitch to deliver the meaning of the text.
- Echo you as you read.
- Reread orally to practice.

To help with a **consistent, conversational rate**, have your child:

- Echo you as you read.
- Read aloud with you.
- Read a text aloud multiple times.