



Strategies to Strengthen Reading Fluency at Home (Grade 1)

Reading at least 20 minutes a night: Studies have shown reading at least 20 minutes a night with your child during the week will strengthen his or her reading skills.

- Children that need to “catch up”, extra time will make a difference to close the gap
- Provide a variety of different types of books so your child can have choices to keep up his or her interest level
- Find other first grade families or neighbors that might like to join a “book swap”
- Trade books once a month

Echo Read with your child: Modeling good reading is very important to develop strong confident readers. Modeling how to read dialogue or show inflection in your voice will help your child become more aware of these skills in his or her own oral reading.

- Adult reads a few sentences, child rereads these same sentences
- Pay attention to how your child’s oral reading develops from week to week
- Share the growth and changes you notice
- Praise your child for these accomplishments (Having joy associated with reading is very important)

Select new vocabulary words from the materials you are reading to discuss with your child:

The larger the vocabulary a child has, the more he or she will be able to recognize these words when reading.

- Cover the closet or bedroom door with all the new words your child is learning
- Review the words from day to day and week to week to be sure your child has mastered their meanings
- Select five words a week and create a new story using these words

No one knows your child’s skills as well as his or her teacher. Below are some suggestions from your child’s class room teacher.
