



HOW PARENTS CAN SUPPORT READING DURING BREAKS FROM SCHOOL AND THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER

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WHY IS READING IMPORTANT OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL DAY?



To Make Effective Growth As Readers, three things are important:

- Reading VOLUME - minutes read across the day and books read across a week
- Reading STAMINA - uninterrupted engagement in reading
- Reading DISCOURSE - communication and connection with others about reading

WAYS TO ACCELERATE READING DEVELOPMENT



- Volume and Stamina!

The most important work readers do is when they are not in school! In order to grow effectively as readers, it is crucial that students read at home, during school breaks, and all summer long.

- Get Hooked In A Series

The fastest way for kids to move through levels is reading inside a series.

HOW PARENTS CAN HELP AT HOME



- READ-ALoud TO YOUR CHILD AT LEAST THROUGH MIDDLE SCHOOL
- HAVE CONVERSATIONS ABOUT BOOKS
- TALK TO YOUR CHILDREN- ORAL LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT IS VITAL TO BRAIN GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT
- CELEBRATE WHAT YOUR CHILD CAN DO
- REREADING IS IMPORTANT FOR FLUENCY AND DEEP UNDERSTANDING
- ESTABLISH A CONSISTENT READING TIME AND PLACE
- SAVE BEDTIME FOR YOU READING ALoud TO YOUR CHILD
- READ THE SAME BOOK YOUR CHILD IS READING. READ ALONGSIDE ONE ANOTHER!

HOW CAN PARENTS FIND APPROPRIATE BOOKS FOR THEIR CHILDREN TO READ?



- DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR, USE THE BOOKS THAT YOUR CHILD BRINGS HOME IN THEIR BOOK BAGS.
- READING LEVELS AREN'T JUST ABOUT BEING ABLE TO ACCURATELY READ THE WORDS, IT'S ALSO ABOUT APPROPRIATE CONTENT AND THE AGE OF THE TARGETED AUDIENCE.
- LRC COLLECTION- CAN BE SEARCHED BY LEVEL; CAN BE ACCESSED FROM HOME-LINK IS OFF THE LRC WEBSITE; PARENTS CAN GET A HES LRC ACCOUNT- YOU CAN BORROW AND NOT IMPACT HOW MANY BOOKS YOUR CHILD CAN BORROW
- SCHOLASTIC BOOK WIZARD CAN GIVE YOU A GENERAL SENSE OF APPROPRIATENESS

[HTTP://WWW.SCHOLASTIC.COM/BOOKWIZARD/](http://www.scholastic.com/bookwizard/)

- THE "HELPFUL RESOURCES" PAGE OF THE WIS READING WEBSITE HAS BOOK AND SERIES LADDERS DESIGNED TO GUIDE STUDENTS THROUGH LEVELS:

[HTTPS://SITES.GOOGLE.COM/WESTONPS.ORG/WISREADING/HELPFUL-RESOURCES?AUTHUSER=0](https://sites.google.com/westonps.org/wisreading/helpful-resources?authuser=0)

MAKING READING A HABIT



- CARVE OUT TIME EACH AND EVERY DAY
- LET YOUR CHILD GET THEIR OWN LIBRARY CARD
- HAVE A STACK OF BOOKS THAT THEY WANT TO READ
- BE SURE YOUR CHILD SEES YOU READING
- NAME THE OTHER TYPES OF READING THAT YOU'RE DOING EVERY DAY
- BRING BOOKS WITH YOU TO:
 - DOCTOR APPOINTMENTS
 - TIME WAITING TO PICK UP SIBLINGS, AT THE AIRPORT, ETC. (LOTS OF 5-10 MINUTE PERIODS)
 - PACK BOOKS FOR OVERNIGHT VISITS TO FAMILY AND ON VACATIONS

Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?



Student "A"	Student "B"	Student "C"
reads 20 minutes each day	reads 5 minutes each day	reads 1 minute each day

3600 minutes in
a school year

900 minutes in
a school year

180 minutes in
a school year

1,800,000 words



90th percentile

282,000 words



50th percentile

8,000 words



10th percentile

By the end of 6th grade Student "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student "B" will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?

(Nagy & Herman, 1987)

A look at what happens when only 10 minutes a day is added to a student's reading

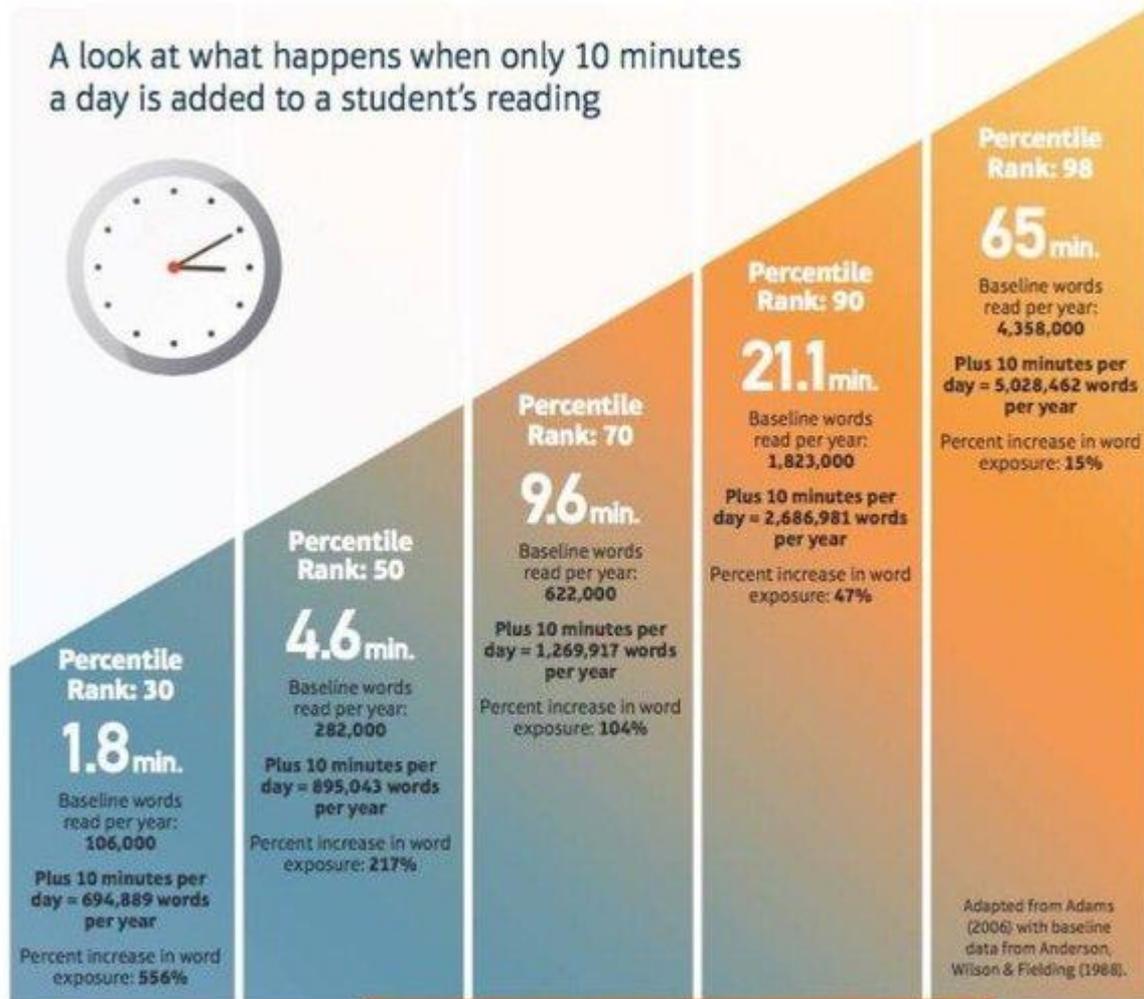


CHART I

From *Disrupting Thinking* by Beers & Probst, p. 137

HURLBUTT SUMMER READING PROGRAM



LINKS AND INFORMATION WILL BE POSTED TO THE SCHOOL WEBPAGE IN JUNE

HURLBUTT LRC WEBSITE

TUMBLEBOOKS AND FOLLETT SHELF

WESTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

SOUND TIGERS TICKETS

WHOLE-SCHOOL ASSEMBLY IN SEPTEMBER



WIS SUMMER READING PROGRAM

- Students watch booktalks from peers and teachers to get ideas for books they may want to read over the summer and make a list
- Over the summer, students read as many books from their list as they can, with the goal of reading at least 3-4 books
- In September, students bring their book logs into school. Students can earn raffle tickets based on how many books they read. Raffle tickets are pulled in each grade level to win prizes.
 - Prizes include helping Mrs. Knudsen in the library, helping with the morning announcements, or a gift card to Barnes and Noble!

Links and information will be available in June on the WIS home page!