



## **TIPS AND TRICKS FOR IMPROVING YOUR CHILD'S READING FLUENCY**

### **What is Reading Fluency?**

Reading Fluency is the ability to read written material smoothly, accurately, and with the appropriate expression including timing and tone.

### **Why is Reading Fluency Important?**

When a child is able to read with ease, they are able to focus more on the comprehension of the material and begin to use the material.

### **Helpful Tips to Increase your Child's Reading Fluency:**

- Your child will benefit from practicing their reading orally in order to improve his or her rhythm, accuracy, and speed of reading regularly. They will need someone listening to them in order to provide feedback.
- Encourage your child to read and re-read more basic reading material aloud on a daily basis with a parent.
- Practicing reading the same material aloud can help with mastery of the words, pitch, and rhythm of reading.
- Reading stories together in unison can help to model fluent reading.
- You and your child can take turns alternating reading the sentences, paragraphs or pages together.
- If your child makes an error in their oral reading, gently correct them, and allow them re-read the sentence correctly. For example: "Oops. Let's try that again. It says...now you try again."
- Focus on helping your child read each word slowly and correctly.
- Practice mastering specific words that appear frequently in stories to allow those words to be read more automatically by your child. These words will then require less attention and effort which can then be placed new or more challenging words.
- Use reading computer programs to help assess and instruct in oral reading.
- Encourage games that require the use of oral reading skills.
- Practice reading aloud in everyday situations. For example: "Please read me the newsletter from your teacher while I am cooking" or "Please read me the directions to the game."