

How can parents/guardians help their child at home?

- Read aloud with your child. Read to them, have them read to you, have them read to younger siblings, especially younger children/babies. It doesn't matter what they read, books, newspaper, magazine articles or sports pages.
- Why?
 - Students who read silently tend to skip words they are not familiar with. If children read out loud, they will sound out words and if they don't the listener (parent/guardian) will know the passage they are reading doesn't make sense.
 - Students who read out loud build their public speaking skills. We know our kids can yell upstairs/ down stairs with the best of them, but when they are not confident in their reading, they clam right up. We want them to be confident in their speaking ability.
 - Many of our students are fluent readers, meaning they can sound out the words beautifully, but quite a few struggle with the comprehension of what they read. When students read out loud, we as listeners can then ask questions at the end of a paragraph, or page. Conversations about what students read help them to recall information from the passages. This will also help build the skill of "thinking" about what they are reading.
- While teachers would love to find the time to read for 15-20 minutes each week with each student, most have over 100 students and time is just a challenge. Having your child read out loud to you at home can help discover any reading or comprehension issues. Email their teacher with questions/concerns. We can work to solve any issues, the sooner, the better.