

November Tips for Language and Literacy Skills

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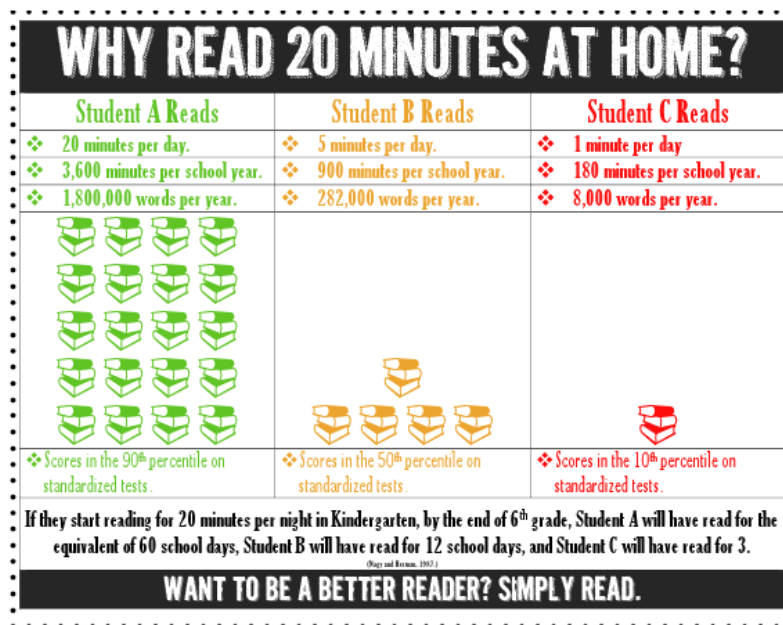


Oral Language

- Make a jar of conversation starters for home. Use an old jar (e.g., cleaned out spaghetti sauce jar), then write out questions and topics together on paper. Cut them up and fill the jar with ideas. Then before/after school, during dinner, before bedtime etc. pull out one each and have a conversation; encourage the use of full sentences when speaking.
 - Go to <http://kidsactivitiesblog.com/4594/family-conversation-starters> for a list of 99 conversation starters if you want more ideas.
 - Examples:
 - What was the best part of your day? What was the worst?
 - What is your favourite game to play?
 - If you could be any type of sandwich what would you be and why?

Reading

- Read together every night for at least 20 minutes. Read a book your child likes to read, read a book you like to read, read a book you both like to read. Read, read, read! The chart below shows how important it is to read 20 minutes at home each night.



Writing

- Have fun writing down answers to silly questions related to the month of November
- Sample Questions:
 - The best thing that happened so far this school year is...
 - Remembrance Day is in November. How can we honour soldiers all year long?
 - Write an A.U.T.U.M.N. acrostic poem.
 - If scarecrows could talk what would they say?
 - Many people like to watch football in the fall. What is your favourite sport to watch and/or play? Why?