

# The Balanced Reader

Did you know you were your child's first teacher? You have taught your children so many important skills, including how to speak. Your child will experience the most success in reading when school and home work together.

Children learn about the importance of reading as they watch family members use reading and writing for everyday purposes. Reading for pleasure, sharing a story with your child, using a recipe or reading street signs teaches them that reading is a useful skill in today's world. Reading with your child at home will help your child in all areas of school. Research shows the importance of reading on a daily basis in developing their use and understanding of vocabulary.



***Remember when we are at home helping our children become amazing readers we are supporting them with decoding, fluency and phrasing and comprehension.***

<p><b>Decoding</b> Students need to understand the sounds found in words and be able to put those sounds back together to form words and sentences.</p>	<p><b>Fluency and Phrasing</b> Students ability to “read like you talk” using punctuation and the ability to break text into meaningful sentences.</p>	<p><b>Comprehension</b> A balanced reader can not only read, but comprehend what is happening in the story. They are then able to answer questions about what they have read.</p>
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