

# The Balanced Reader

As we continue to support our children at home with their reading, remember it is important to help them to be balanced readers.

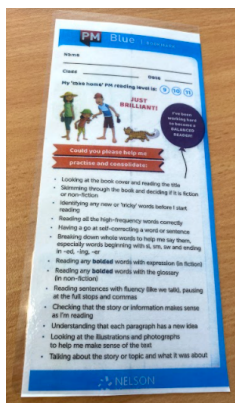
Remember a balanced reader, reads through decoding, fluency and phrasing and they understand what is being read through comprehension.



**Decoding-** Students need to understand the sounds found in words and be able to put those sounds back together to form words and sentences.

**Fluency and Phrasing-** students ability to “read like you talk” using punctuation and the ability to break text into meaningful sentences.

**Comprehension-** 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.



Last week the students took home bookmarks with their home readers. The bookmarks have some helpful hints and ideas to assist you with making your child a balanced reader.