




Reading at Home

The Most Important Key to Success

The single most important thing for students' reading development is that they read! Students are expected to read for 20 minutes at home each night. A big part of doing this is "stealing reading time" and knowing how best to do this. The 20 minutes of time while ideally would be done in one sitting, it doesn't have to be. Students can steal reading time while on the car ride to an activity or 10 minutes before dinner. This mentality will help to ensure that they are hitting their goal each night.

Why Read 20 Minutes at Home?

STUDENT A	STUDENT B	STUDENT C
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reads an average of 20 minutes per day. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reads an average of 5 minutes per day. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reads an average of 1 minutes per day.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3,600 minutes/school year 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 900 minutes/school year 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 180 minutes/school year
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1,800,000 words per year 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 282,000 words per year 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8,000 words per year
By 6th grade student has read for an equivalent of : 60 school days	By 6th grade student has read for an equivalent of : 12 school days	By 6th grade student has read for an equivalent of : 3 school days
		
In order for children to become better readers, they need time to read.		