

# Why read 20 minutes at home every day?



## Student "A" reads:

- 🕒 20 min. per day
- = 3,600 min. per school year
- = 1,800,000 words per year
- ✓ Scores in the 90th percentile on standardized tests



## Student "B" reads:

- 🕒 5 min. per day
- = 900 min. per school year
- = 282,000 words per year
- ✓ Scores in the 50th percentile on standardized tests



## Student "C" reads:

- 🕒 1 min. per day
- = 180 min. per school year
- = 8,000 words per year
- ✓ Scores in the 10th percentile on standardized tests



If a student starts reading 20 minutes per night at home in kindergarten, by the end of 6th grade, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 school days, and Student C will have read for 3 school days. This gap in reading experience and resulting vocabulary knowledge adds up over time.

## Want to be a better reader? Just



## Reading Makes Everything Better

Reading is one way that children develop language and literacy skills. Children grow into strong readers when they are encouraged to:

- Participate in playing with sounds— rhyming, finger plays, etc.
- Identify and associate letters with their names and sounds
- Use reading-like behaviors
- Understand book concepts— title, author, front, back, etc
- Understand stories and books read to them
- Predict, retell, and make connections to stories



As you enjoy reading, writing, and telling stories with your family, remember to also try some activities from our Read-At-Home-Plan, too ([TinyURL.com/y3h8olkc](http://TinyURL.com/y3h8olkc)).

## Suggested reading lists:



Reading lists by grade level  
[bit.ly/333EccJ](http://bit.ly/333EccJ)



Book list from the Library Association  
[bit.ly/2YGadUy](http://bit.ly/2YGadUy)



Summer reading book lists from Reading Rockets  
[bit.ly/2KqptQj](http://bit.ly/2KqptQj)