Reading Fluency Homework

Fluency is an area almost every student can improve. Fluency is defined as the ability to read with speed, accuracy, and proper expression. In order to understand what they read, children must be able to read fluently whether they are reading aloud or silently. When reading aloud, fluent readers read in phrases and add intonation appropriately. Their reading is smooth and has expression.

In order to help improve your child’s fluency, he/she will be given a new passage to practice each week. Your child will need your help with this assignment. A stopwatch, clock, stove timer, microwave timer, or other timer may be used to time the students for 1 minute. Always allow your student to finish the entire passage, but stop timing after 1 minute and mark which word they stopped on. Students are to read the passage each night and track their progress on the graph provided. This will allow them to see their progress through the week.

Parent tips to help with fluency homework:

* Each night, have your child read the selected passage to you for exactly 1 minute. You will need to keep track of the time.
* If your child is stuck on a word for 2 seconds, say the word and count it as a mistake.
* Put a \_\_\_ under any word missed or told.
* Put a / after the last word read when the minute is up.
* Record the number of words read (by using the numbers on the right hand side of the passage) and the number of errors.
* Subtract: total words read – errors = total words read correctly
* It is important that your child read with expression, paying attention to punctuation. It is not how FAST your child reads the passage, but how WELL. Ignoring endings to words or sentences does NOT mean a reader is fluent.
* You may read the story out loud as a model for fluent reading.
* Sign or initial your name in the space provided under the graph.
* Repeat the steps Monday-Thursday. Please remind your child to bring his/her folder to school every day.
* Please feel free to let me know of your child’s successes or struggles in the comment section.