

Building Readers

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Reading Connections

Reading for Real:

Kids **LOVE** non-fiction books! Non-fiction reading is a great way to become a stronger reader, to learn about the world around us, and build our knowledge base. Reading nonfiction is a great way to tackle two key areas of reading – becoming a stronger reader and learning new topics! You can't go wrong ☺

Here are some tips when selecting nonfiction:

- ***Look for familiar topics** – your child will be more interested and engaged if the subject is something he already knows a little about.
- ***Seek variety** – Non-fiction comes in many forms. There are biographies, fact books, how-to books, poetry, recipes, and interviews.
- ***Follow Up** – When a book captures your child's attention, encourage her to learn more about the topic with research and field trips when possible. Winter break is a great time to get out and get hands-on with the nonfiction topics your child reads about!

Read for enjoyment!

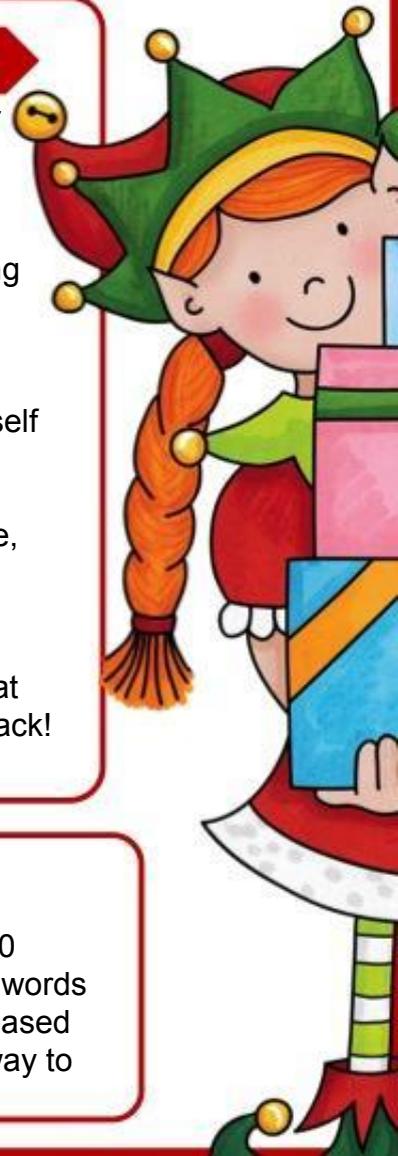
Reading is just like any other activity. The more you practice, the better you become. So over break, grab a few good books, a quiet, comfortable place, and enjoy some reading! I know I will!

Over Break:

My personal goal over break is to read **TWO** new chapter books!

What is your goal going to be for the winter break?

Setting goals for yourself is a great way to get reading done. I know breaks are a busy time, but making reading a priority when not in school and setting personal goal is a great idea to keep you on track!



Did you know:

Reading outside of school is crucial to reading improvement! Reading just 20 minutes a day is equivalent to 3,600 minutes per school year and 1,800,000 words per year! That's amazing! Now imagine if you read 30 minutes a day! Increased reading means better school performance, a wider knowledge base, and a way to escape to faraway places – all while enjoying the comfort of your own home!