

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Your student will soon begin working in Read Naturally Live, a highly effective supplemental reading program that develops fluency and supports vocabulary and comprehension.

Improving reading fluency is important for developing readers. Fluent readers:

- Read smoothly and easily—as if they were speaking.
- Read with few errors, and seldom need to pause to figure out words.
- Read at a rate that supports good expression and comprehension.
- Tend to comprehend better than non-fluent readers.

Read Naturally Live combines several research-based strategies into a single powerful method of improving reading fluency.

What do we know from research?

What does a student do when working through a story in Read Naturally?

Students become good readers by reading.

The student will select a nonfiction story from an assigned level.

Reading along with a proficient reader improves word recognition and fluency.

The student will read the story along with an audio recording.

Reading a passage several times improves fluency.

The student will read the story alone several times until reaching his or her goal.

Fluent readers generally comprehend better than non-fluent readers.

The student will answer comprehension questions.

Self-monitoring of progress improves reading achievement.

The student will track progress on graphs that report results before and after practicing each story. As the student improves, he or she will be given more difficult stories to read and higher goal rates to achieve.

Thank you for your support. Please call if you have any questions or concerns.