

## CAFÉ Fluency Strategy: Voracious Reading

Fluency is the ability to read, speak, or write smoothly and with expression. The best way to become a fluent reader is through reading. The amount a child reads has a huge impact on their success in becoming a fluent reader. The strategy of voracious reading is one used with students to increase vocabulary and fluency. Students are taught that voracious means to do a lot of something and still want more of it. They know that by reading, reading, and more reading, they will become smooth readers that are enjoyable to listen to. This will lead to increased comprehension and broadened vocabularies.

## How can you help your child with this strategy at home?

- 1. Encourage your child to read more at home. Start by adding a few minutes to their regular reading time and go from there.
- 2. Model this strategy for your child by taking out a book of your own and reading.
- 3. Have your child to show you what he/she is reading. Ask the following questions:
  - Does this book interest you?
  - Are you able to read most of the words?
  - Do you understand what you are reading?

Your child should be able to say "yes" to all three questions if he/she is reading a good book to improve fluency and become a voracious reader.

4. Find a genre or style of book your child is interested in. Visit the library or bookstore to provide more books or stories in this area of interest. Tapping into a reader's interests creates voracious readers.

## Thank you for your continued support at home!

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