

JANUARY 2027**Turning Up the Volume: Support for Every Reader**

This Month's Focus: A core belief from the Literacy Transformation Institute is that struggling readers need more reading and writing, not less. As we return from break, this month focuses on rebuilding momentum with patience and encouragement.

Tips for Parents & Families

- Return to consistent daily reading and writing routines after winter break.
- If your child is frustrated, read alongside them or take turns reading a page each.
- Celebrate effort and small wins, not just finished books or perfect writing.
- Talk with your child's teacher about specific ways you can support at home this semester.

Tips for School Volunteers & Tutors

Grade Band	Volunteer & Tutor Tip
K-3	Revisit foundational skills — letter sounds, blending, and sight words — through short, playful practice.
4-6	Practice fluency by having students reread a favorite short passage until it sounds smooth and natural.
7-8	Offer extra scaffolding on complex text (previewing vocabulary, chunking paragraphs) rather than simplifying it.
9-12	Rebuild engagement by letting students choose what they read, then discuss it together informally.

** Try This at Home: Fluency Friday**

Each Friday, have your child reread a favorite short passage or page aloud. Listen for growing smoothness, expression, and confidence over the weeks.

"The more we reduce reading and writing for struggling students, the further behind they become."