

FEBRUARY 2027**Fluency & Comprehension: Reading with Purpose**

This Month's Focus: This month connects fluency — reading accurately, smoothly, and with expression — to comprehension. Understanding grows when reading sounds natural, not choppy.

Tips for Parents & Families

- Read a short passage aloud yourself, then have your child read the same passage back to you.
- Pause during reading to ask what just happened and what might happen next.
- Encourage your child to retell a story in their own words, in order.
- Notice and gently point out punctuation cues (periods, question marks) that affect how we read aloud.

Tips for School Volunteers & Tutors

Grade Band	Volunteer & Tutor Tip
K-3	Try echo reading: you read a sentence with expression, then the student repeats it back the same way.
4-6	Pause periodically to ask quick comprehension checks: who, what, where, why.
7-8	Ask students to make text-to-text connections — how does this remind you of something else you've read?
9-12	Support close reading with annotation — marking up a text with questions, reactions, and connections.

** Try This at Home: Retell It**

After finishing a chapter or article, ask your child to retell what happened in just three sentences. It's a quick, powerful comprehension check.

"Reading fluency builds stamina; benefits from read-alouds and a print-rich environment; decoding builds toward fluency."