



J.S. Robinson Elementary

A newsletter for the families of our English Language Learners

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With the upcoming scheduled winter break, an opportunity arises for students to build their reading stamina. Reading stamina is a child's ability to focus and read independently for longer periods of time, without being distracted or without distracting others. This is particularly important for English Language Learners because as they move into higher grades, having reading stamina will help them build their self-confidence, as well as give them the tools to be successful readers.

Here are some activities from Reading Rockets that you can begin establishing at home to help your child develop his/her stamina:

- 1.Vary the way reading is done.** A combination of having your child "read to himself/herself, read to someone, and listen to reading," should make up the reading time for new or struggling readers.
- 2.Set reasonable goals.** When starting out, limit book time to just a few minutes and work up from there for younger children. For elementary-aged readers, a good idea is to start with 10-15 minutes of reading time and work up from there. Create a chart or graph with your child and have them share how many minutes they want to increase their time each week.
- 3.Lastly, make to celebrate.** Celebrate the time that they have spent reading, by sharing the news with friends and family, or celebrate by having them share their favorite book or a chapter with you.

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