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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Your student is working in Read Naturally® Encore II, a highly effective supplemental reading program that develops fluency and supports vocabulary, comprehension, and, if needed, phonics.

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

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

Read Naturally Encore II combines several research-based strategies into a single powerful method of improving reading fluency and supporting vocabulary, comprehension, and phonics.

**What do we know from research?**

*Students become good readers by reading.*

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

*Reading a passage several times improves fluency.*

*Fluent readers generally comprehend better than non-fluent readers.*

*Self-monitoring of progress improves achievement.*

*Well-developed vocabulary is essential for comprehension.*

*Explicit phonics instruction and practice improve fluency.*

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

The student selects and reads a nonfiction story from an assigned level.

The student reads the story along with an audio recording.

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

The student answers comprehension questions.

The student tracks performance on graphs and advances to more difficult stories and higher goal rates based on improvement.

The student uses a glossary and listens to audio recordings to learn the meanings of vocabulary words.

A student who needs more support in phonics skills works in the phonics series.

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

Sincerely,

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