

Tuesday Talks

WITH THE EXPERTS

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Advancing Readers Learning in Isolation

KEY TAKEAWAYS

1

Be Mindful of Barriers to Engagement. Provide families with at-home tips for independent reading success that will help anticipate and overcome the kinds of barriers to independent reading your students frequently encountered in the classroom. And remember, students and their families will likely need your help understanding **how** to select the "right" books (i.e., texts that will allow advancing readers to read in the high 90% fluency range with 98% accuracy).

2

Characteristics of Successful Readers. Fluent readers can decode with ease and are ready to focus on reading with expression and 'digging deeper' into texts. At the Advancing Stage of reading, successful readers learn to become masters of metacognition—asking and answering questions; predicting and inferring; and making connections. If possible, provide caregivers with quick question stems to help them engage their learner(s) in meaningful conversations driven by divergent, open-ended questions.

3

Focus on the Two Kinds of Reading. To extend their comprehension skills, advancing readers must focus on two kinds of reading. Helping families to understand that learning to recognize the techniques writers use to get their messages across (e.g., reading like a writer) is just as important as learning how to understand a writer's underlying message (e.g., reading like a reader). Sharing lists and/or graphic organizers that highlight techniques readers and writers use can help families support their learner(s) at home.