

Tuesday Talks WITH THE EXPERTS

The Power of Independent Reading

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Independent reading builds reading stamina and fluency, increases student ownership of learning, and encourages critical thinking.
- In partnership, teachers and students work together to determine focus and goals; students choose what to read; and teachers monitor, confer, and reteach strategies.
- Students discuss reading strengths, goals, and statements of affirmation with confidence and develop identities as independent readers—beyond test scores and readability levels.