

Why Reading?

Why do educators focus so much effort on **Literacy**?

How do good **Reading Skills** impact students?

Reading Skills, and the **Literacy Levels** they bring, are essential to **LIFE**.

Learning – students with good reading skills are more likely to learn content in other subjects as they move through the grade levels at school. Good readers are more likely to continue to higher levels of education.

Income – students with good reading skills and higher literacy levels are more likely to be able to understand complex topics, read and follow directions and guidance in the workplace, and create and plan to lead and manage the work of others. Literate students are more likely to earn higher incomes.

Family – students with good reading skills and higher literacy levels are more likely to have greater self-esteem, engage with others, and build family bonds. They are also more likely to pass their love of reading on to their children.

Entertainment – students with good reading skills learn to read for pleasure, to communicate their thoughts and feelings in writing, and to negotiate complicated systems that build their capacity to understand and benefit from more complex content. Good readers often enjoy a wider variety of what life has to offer.

Why is **Reading Instruction** so important in the first few years of school?

Early-grade core Reading Instruction provides the foundation for future learning.

Later-grade Literacy Levels provide the skills to learn content.

Students who struggle with core Reading Instruction are more likely to experience content comprehension challenges at later grade levels.

Focusing on differentiating reading instruction to meet the student's needs where they are is key to future success.

Our **20/20 Vision for Reading Instruction**

EVERY student has good core Reading Skills in the early grades.

EVERY student acquires Literacy Levels that support the comprehension of content in later grades.

EVERY student is provided with Differentiated Reading Instruction by caring educators.

The Mission for **Reading Instruction**

EVERY student masters the core Reading Skills in the early grades.

EVERY educator focuses on Reading Skill acquisition and uses it across ALL content areas.

ALL educators work together towards a common goal that provides a Network of Support for Literacy.

ALL educators focus on the components of core Reading Skills across all grade levels with a focus on enhancing the Literacy Skills of EVERY student.