Be a Fluent Reader.

“I wonder what that character is thinking.”

“Hmm, how did the author pick the setting for this story?” Fluent readers think about things like this when they read. These activities can help your child(ren) practice reading fluently at home.

Hold imaginary conversations

If Peter Rabbit could chat with Curious George, what would he say? What would a conversation between Miss Frizzle and Encyclopedia Brown sound like? Read two books with your child. Then, each of you should pick a character to be, and carry on a conversation. Idea: Suggest that your child use what he knows about the characters (Peter and George tend to get into trouble) to predict what they’ll discuss (ways to stay out of trouble).

Switch the setting

Encourage your child to think about how a book’s plot and setting are related. Read a story to him, and have him draw the character solving a mystery in a desert or on a cruise ship instead of in the town mentioned. Idea: Ask him to retell the story to you using the new location. He will see how changing the setting affects the story.

Know the author

Let your child get several books by the same author. As you read them together, talk about what they have in common. (The main character in all of her books is an animal.) What can your child guess about the author based on her books? For example, she probably likes animals, and maybe she has pets or has lived on a farm. Idea: Look up an author online or read the “About the Author” section in a book to learn about her life.

Choosing the right book

“Just right” books—ones that aren’t too easy or too hard—help your child stretch their reading ability. These are books in which they can easily read about 95% of the words, leaving him with just a few to figure out.

Don’t worry, there’s no need to get out your calculator. Simply listen to them read, and if they seem comfortable and struggles only occasionally, the book is probably at what teachers call his “instructional level.” This is the level that teaches them new words without making them frustrated or confused. After they read a just-right book a few times, it may even become an easy one! It’s good for your child to pick out easy and hard books, too. Easy books are relaxing and enjoyable. And reading hard ones aloud to your child will expose them to bigger words and more complex plots.

Adapted from Reading Connections March, 2015
Read Across America
Literacy Spirit Week
February 27—March 3, 2017

Please join us in celebrating
Dr. Seuss’ birthday
by participating in the
following school wide spirit days!

Monday February 27
“ONE FISH, TWO FISH, RED FISH, BLUE FISH”
Wear RED and BLUE

Tuesday February 28
“FOX IN SOCKS”
Wear CRAZY socks!

Wednesday March 1
“GREEN EGGS AND HAM”
Wear GREEN

Thursday March 2
“THING ONE AND THING TWO”
Grab a friend and dress up as a twin

Friday March 3
“THE CAT IN THE HAT”
Wear Your Favorite Hat
100% of the money raised for the Jog-a-thon benefits Reagan Elementary kids! This is our major fundraiser, so we need our Parents & Friends of Reagan to please get involved and support our students!

Wednesday, March 1st will mark the beginning of our Parent Club’s spring fundraiser. The Jog-a-thon is a fun and healthy way to raise money for our school.

The Parent Club is working to meet our fundraising goals in order to fund field trips, assemblies, academic competitions, classroom supplies and technology.

Please help us by helping your child raise a total of $5.00 or more in donations. Of course any amount you are able to raise is deeply appreciated.

**Schedule**

8:00—8:20 am  Opening Ceremonies—all grades

8:25—8:45 am  TK / Kindergarten / SDC

8:50—9:20 am  First

9:25—9:55 am  Sixth

10:00—10:30 am  Second

10:35—11:05 am  Fourth

11:10—11:40 am  Third

11:45—12:15 pm  Fifth

In order to participate in the Jog-a-thon, please turn your permission slips in to your teachers before March 8th.
He was an American writer, cartoonist, and book publisher best known for authoring many children’s books using the pen name Dr. Seuss. His work includes several of the most popular children’s books of all time, selling over 500 million copies in 20 different languages.

“You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose.”

Theodor Seuss Geisel
March 2, 1904 - September 24, 1991

The National Education Association annually sponsors Read Across America. The program, now in its sixteenth year, focuses on motivating children to read and work towards mastering basic skills. We hope you will celebrate by reading at home with your students.

JUST FOR FUN...

Check out the great websites listed below for creative ways to celebrate Read Across America at home...

www.seussville.com  www.nea.org/readacross/
www.readingrockets.org/calendar/readacross
The Spring Social is a fun family event held annually during Open House. Proceeds from the Spring Social Raffle help the Reagan Parent Club fund educational enhancements throughout the year. For the event each class has a Spring Basket Coordinator that will take on the task of putting together a themed basket to be raffled. The coordinator will send a letter home asking parents to send in either a donation to be used to purchase items for their student’s classroom basket or an item in keeping with the classroom's basket theme. In addition to the basket raffle, the event also features a DJ, several food vendors, and fun activities for the kids.

March 14  Making the Transition from 6th to 7th Grade

March 21  Making the Transition from 3rd to 4th Grade

April 4  The Bridge from Kindergarten to First Grade

May 2  Preparing for Transitional Kindergarten (TK) & Kindergarten

All workshops will be held in the PBVUSD Board Room, located on the south side of Schirra Court off of Ashe Rd and a Spanish-speaking interpreter will be available. Child care will be provided for potty trained children ages 3-12.

For more information, contact Julie Campos 661-831-8331 x6154
**2016/2017 Parent Club Executive Board**

- Dawn Kirschenman—Co-President
- Tammy Nicoletti—Co-President
- Amy Eberly—1st VP
- Sarah Jones-McCuan—2nd VP
- Angie Boyler—Secretary
- Nichole Davenport—Treasurer
- Lisa Borgford—Nominating
- Jaime Guziak—Parliamentarian

Reagan Parent Club meetings are the third Tuesday of every month at 9:00am in the MPR

Our Parent Club will have a meeting in the MPR on Tuesday, March 21, at 9:00am. We understand that many of you work and have other responsibilities during the day that do not allow you to attend meetings, but if possible, we encourage everyone to attend. Volunteering at Reagan Elementary is a wonderful way to meet the parents of your children’s friends and contribute to your child’s education. If you are interested in getting more involved, please email ronaldreaganparentclub@gmail.com.

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Every Friday is Color Day at Reagan Elementary. Wear your Reagan spirit wear, or Red/White/Blue to show your school spirit!

**March 10, 24, 31**

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**Noteworthy Dates**

- **March 2 & 3**: 4th Grade VT Field Trip
- **March 2**: Music Festival—Mrs. Rizzo @ Warren 9:40am
- **March 4**: BCHS Knowledge Bowl—8:00 am
- **Feb. 27 - March 10**: Star Reading & Math Benchmark Testing Window
- **March 8**: Jog-a-thon
- **March 10**: End of 3rd Quarter
- **March 12**: Math Counts Competition @ UC-Irvine
- **March 17**: Report Cards sent home
- **March 21**: Parent Club Meeting—9:00am
- **March 22**: 2nd Grade Fresno Zoo Field Trip
- **March 23**: 6th grade Orientation at Warren & Actis
- **March 23 & 30**: Kindergarten Hospital Field Trip

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Spirit Wear is available to purchase in the office.

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Put This On Your Calendar!