



Reinforcing Independent Reading at home

Suggestions	
Nightly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Remind your child to read and enter their reading time into their planner - Sign off on your child's reading times in their planner - Ask them questions about their books (consider using questions from the reader response sheet) - Develop a nightly reading ritual with your child, so they can develop reading habits - Read your own book alongside your child and then have a conversation about both books - Consider adding nightly incentives for your child if they reach their reading goal (15 min) or additional incentives if they read more than their goal
Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Encourage your child to complete their reader response sheet as soon as they finish a book and remind them to choose 1 of the 2 submission options (FlipGrid or written response). - Help student (if needed) to complete their Flipgrid video or reader response sheet. - Continue asking your child questions about the book(s) they are reading to show interest. Consider asking very specific questions ("what was shocking in the last chapter") instead of broader questions ("do you like the book?"). - Purchase books or take them to the public library to check out books (there is information on affordable books and public libraries over the next few pages) - Celebrate and incentivize their reading at home especially every time they finish a book. You know your child best and what motivates them, but consider using affirmations, giving them special privileges, surprising them with something unexpected, or providing them with a reward. - Communicate with your child's teacher to learn more ways you can support your child with independent reading
End of Quarter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Flip through your child's planner and verify that they have filled everything out correctly and have listed all of their finished book titles. - Confirm with your child that they have submitted a Flipgrid video or a reader response sheet for every book they have read. - Encourage them to reflect on all of the books they have read throughout the quarter (if you set a personal book goal with your child, then determine if they met that goal, and award them accordingly). - Consider generating a list with your child on the kinds of books they enjoy reading - Use this list to brainstorm book titles they can read for the next quarter - Even if your child's school doesn't win the District challenge, you should celebrate them for all of their hard work over the quarter, in whatever way you decide.