

# Midway Reading Tip of the Month

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You might hear from your child's teacher that she/he needs to practice to become more fluent but do you really know what that means. In order to help your child let's talk about what fluency looks like.

**What is Fluency?** Fluency is the ability to read smoothly and automatically, with expression and attention to punctuation. It includes Pace, Phrasing, intonation and punctuation.

Pace is the speed in which you read.

- \*The goal is to read at a "just right" pace
- \*Reading not too fast and not too slow

Phrasing is chunking the words together into meaningful phrases.

- \*Reading in Phrases and not reading words one.word.at.a.time.

Intonation is reading with feeling in your voice.

- \*changing your voices to match a character
- \*Reading like you speak (not like a robot)
- \*Moving your voice up and down

Punctuation reading with attention to punctuation.

- \*Stopping at periods . . . . .
- \*Taking breaths at commas , , , ,
- \* Making your voice go up for question marks ? ? ?
- \* Showing excitement for exclamation points ! ! !
- \*Using "quotation marks" to change voice for characters