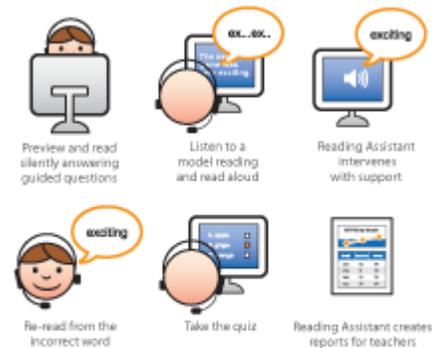


Dear parents,

We are pleased that your child will have the opportunity to work with Reading Assistant this year. It is a fantastic tool to help your child improve their reading proficiency.

How Reading Assistant Works...

- When a student has difficulty reading a word, Reading Assistant provides a visual cue.
- If the student does not self-correct, the software intervenes by pronouncing the word.
- After completing a passage, [questions measure literal and inferential comprehension](#).
- Reading Assistant uses the best practices of guided oral reading instruction, the gold standard for building fluency.



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How Reading Assistant Helps...

- **Builds better readers:** students improve reading level 50% beyond expected gains.
- **Saves you time:** it automatically assesses and tracks words correct per minute (WCPM) and reading comprehension for teachers!
- **Provides an unbiased listener to every student:** even hard-to-engage students will practice reading aloud, always without judgment.
- **Dramatically improves reading fluency,** the critical bridge to comprehension.

What is fluency anyway?

- Fluency is the ability to read accurately, expressively and with good phrasing in order to comprehend what you read. It's not about reading fast.
- A non-fluent reader spends a lot of energy decoding, leaving not much room for comprehension. Students need to decode fluently to understand what they're reading but often don't build this automaticity through independent reading alone.
- Guided oral reading instruction is the gold standard for building fluency - Reading Assistant incorporates these best practices!



Want tips on building reading fluency and comprehension? [Download a paper](#) by Dr. Tim Rasinski, Supportive Fluency Instruction: The Key to Reading Success (Especially for Students who Struggle)

What do students read?

- Selections* from over 300 reading passages at a range of reading levels, grades 1-12
- Non-fiction and fictional texts across genres:
 - Expository nonfiction
 - Realistic and historical fiction
 - Science fiction
 - Poetry
 - Folktale, myth, legend
 - Biography
- Point-counterpoint
- Personal Narrative
- Etc.



*Aligned to the [Common Core State Standards](#).

What can you do to help?

- Ensure that your child has good attendance. Success with Reading Assistant requires consistent effort.
- Make sure your child knows that you value his/her participation in the program. Acknowledge their successes!
- Meet with your child's teacher to discuss improvements.

Want to learn more?

- Visit Scientific Learning's Web site www.readingassistant.com
- Speak with your child's principal or teacher.