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Reading Connection



Providing parents with reading strategies, resources, and facts to support reading at home

Recently Ms. Eble informed you that students began their "No New Instruction" time. For the past few years at Fairfield we have been analyzing our students' reading assessment data to determine which students would benefit from extra reading interventions or enrichment. This is part of the Response to Intervention (RTI) system which schools across the country have been implementing. During this 30 minute period students are divided up according their specific reading needs. They may be getting intense literacy instruction, extra phonics instruction with Orton-Gillingham, or digging deeper into texts within a book group.

At Fairfield, RTI looks very similar at each grade level. Second and third grade have a 30 minute block in their schedule where some students leave the room to work with intervention teachers in small groups. During that time, other students work with classroom teachers with intervention, review, or enrichment activities. Kindergarten and first grade participate in interventions as part of our scheduled Language Arts rotations which consist of small and large instruction with their classroom teacher as well as time working with a Reading Specialist in either a small or large group and a classroom assistant with review material.

This RTI process has been very beneficial in providing students with differentiated instruction and individualized support to help them progress in reading. Our goal is to help students make gains as quickly as possible. Although that doesn't always mean a student reading below-grade level will reach grade-level expectations through the time period of the intervention, the gap between the student's achievement and grade-level expectations should grow smaller in order to get that reader closer to performing on grade level.

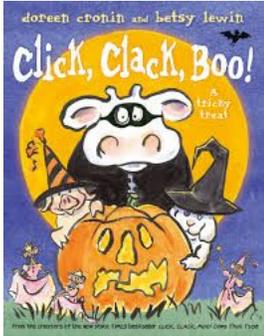
With some of these interventions, such as Leveled Literacy Intervention, your student will come home with a book that was introduced during the small group instructional time. This book is to be read aloud to a parent or other adult. Please take time to discuss what is read and encourage your reader to practice skills learned.

At Fairfield we are always committed to providing positive learning experiences through innovative instruction and high expectations for all students.

Book of the Month:

Click, Clack, Boo!

By Doreen Cronin and Betsy Lewin



Farmer Brown is not a fan of Halloween, but the animals love it so much they decide to have a party in the barn! One sneaky animal tries to take Farmer Brown's candy! Can you guess who it is?

If you like this book, check out the others by these authors such as "Click, Clack, Moo" and

"Dooby Dooby Quack." Both children and adults enjoy their humor!

Technology Connection

Raz-Kids.com Be on the lookout for Raz-kids login information from your children's classroom teacher. Students can login using the website or app and access many digital books at their reading level.

