

Reading fluency is the key to acquiring all knowledge at an optimal rate. In my mind there is one key to this happening whether you are an infant or you are an adult who is continuing your education is some way. The answer to this question is simply vocabulary. Whether you are a child or an adult, vocabulary is at the heart at whether you will be able to read and write in a manner that will help you become successful at a given level. At four years old, growing your vocabulary at a faster rate, your reading timetable of success and growth will be pushed up to an earlier time. If a young child can recognize 2000 words instead of 200, reading fluency will be elevated. This allows for children to write sooner and enjoy the process much more than if they struggle through a sentence they are reading and do not recognize some of the words in the sentence. What this does is frustrates the child and they will not read as much and instead of enjoying the discovery of their new world through reading, they will learn to dislike reading, become frustrated and avoid it.

Reading fluency at its core is based on expanded vocabulary and a child's literacy foundation is imperative to early success and a growing opportunity to be passionate about reading and learning. Early enjoyment and success in reading is fueled by parents and how much importance they place on reading to and with their child but also the early conversations they have with their child and the type of vocabulary the parent has and shares with their child. Many times the educational level of the parent plays a role but even more importantly the time a parent spends with their child in reading type activities can be a true difference maker.

The new Common Core that so many of us have heard about and are involved with is at the new epicenter of 21st century literacy and learning. The reason for this is because high stakes testing commences in the third grade and a child must have a solid foundation of an academic vocabulary. What this is are words that are directly amalgamated to testing terms given in directions of tests and the academic words that are in the questions and answers of these early tests. These academic words grow at a rapid rate year after year through your child's learning journey and are important in literacy growth.

Reading fluency plays the key role in the rate in which your child's reading literacy grows. If your child can read and recognize vocabulary easily, their reading growth will elevate much, much faster. Once again the child may also enjoy reading more. If you enjoy a given activity, you are more likely to do it. These academic words are born from those early literacy touches and the time that parents put in reading and conversing with their child from birth onward. Parents are the key to a solid reading and vocabulary foundation as it is those connected times that fans the flames of fluency.