

Saanich Schools Literacy Link

Tools, Tips and Strategies to Support Literacy at Home











Growing Fluent Readers



Fluency means reading smoothly, accurately, and with expression, at a pace that sounds like natural conversation, not too fast and not too slow. When children read fluently, they can focus on understanding what the text is saying. If they have to work too hard to sound out each word, or if they rush through the text, it becomes difficult for them to remember and make sense of what they have read.

Ways to Support Reading Fluency

-  Read aloud regularly so children hear smooth, expressive reading.
-  Choose “just-right” books so your child can read smoothly and confidently; ask their teacher for suggestions if you’re unsure.
-  Take turns reading words, sentences or paragraphs with your child.
-  Re-read favourite stories together.
-  Model expression by changing your voice, pace and tone.
-  Echo read (you read first, your child reads it back).
-  Read together at the same time (choral reading).
-  Use audiobooks with text so children can follow along.




Why Fluency Matters



Fluency is one of the key skills measured in the K–3 Early Literacy Screeners. All Kindergarten to Grade 3 students will take part in this screening in the 2026/2027 school year. The Ministry of Education and Child Care introduced early literacy screening to help identify reading challenges sooner, so children can receive support early, before small difficulties become bigger barriers to learning.


Learn More: Information for Parents & Caregivers

 [All About Early Literacy – Parent and Caregiver Brochure](#) is a guide for parents and caregivers that explains early literacy development, how it is supported at school, and practical ways to support literacy learning at home.

Available in:

- [French \(Français\)](#)
- [Chinese \(Simplified Chinese – 简体中文\)](#)
- [Chinese \(Traditional Chinese – 繁體中文\)](#)
- [Farsi \(فارسی >\)](#)
- [Tagalog](#)
- [Punjabi \(ਪੰਜਾਬੀ\)](#)
- [Urdu \(اردو >\)](#)



 [Literacy Screening](#) explains how early literacy screening supports the early identification of reading needs and helps schools provide timely support for students.