

Why do I need to read for twenty minutes tonight?



Let's Think About It!

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Student One reads 20 minutes five nights a week.

Student Two reads only 4 minutes five nights a week.

Student One reads 100 minutes a week.

Student Two reads 20 minutes a week.

Student One reads 400 minutes a month.

Student Two reads 80 minutes a month.

Student One reads 3,600 minutes in a school year.

Student Two reads 720 minutes in a school year.

Student One reads the equivalent of 10 school days a year.

Student Two reads the equivalent of 2 school days a year.

By the end of 6th grade, Student One reads the equivalent of 60 school days. Student Two reads the equivalent of 12 school days.

Which student would you expect to read better, have a better vocabulary, write better, and be more successful in school?

Which student would you like to be your son or daughter?

The time you spend listening to your child read in kindergarten, and promoting independent reading in upper grades, can have life-long effects. I hope you will have an answer when your child asks, "Can I skip my twenty minutes of reading tonight?"

