



# Reading Terms to Know **{for all readers}**

Here are a group of terms and phrases you'll hear throughout the year. These five domains of reading are components that all of us must master to become better readers. Which domains are you practicing with your child when reading?

<b>Phonemic Awareness</b> the ability to understand that each word is made up of sounds  <b>WHY?</b> { Children need to distinguish & manipulate sounds in spoken words in order to recognize & learn the print-sound relationship }  Common Terms: Rhyming • Blending • Segmenting	<b>Phonics</b> the ability to know which letters make which sounds  <b>WHY?</b> { We can decode (sound out) words while we read. We can spell words based on phonics patterns.
<b>Vocabulary</b> the ability to understand what a word means  { The more words you know the more you will understand the story! }	<b>Fluency</b> the ability to read quickly, accurately and with expression  <b>WHY?</b> Fluency provides a bridge between word recognition and comprehension. Fluent readers group words quickly to help them gain meaning from what they read.
<b>Comprehension</b> the ability to understand what happened in the story and why  <b>Comprehension allows skilled readers to interact with text!</b>	<b>Happy Reading!</b>