



# Reading News

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## Focus of the Month: Stamina

### Reading Stamina

The ability to read for a long period of time without getting distracted.



Reading stamina is something that parents can help students develop. Here's how:

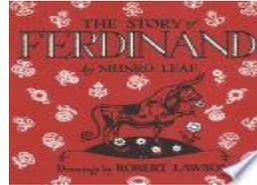
1. **Vary the reading is done.**Parents can think about this in terms of having their child "read to yourself, read to someone, and listen to reading."Some combination of the three should make up the reading time, especially for new or struggling readers.
2. **Choose "just right" books.** If your child is at a stage of being able to read alone, help him/her choose books that he/she is able to read independently. In this situation, avoid using books that are too difficult to read alone. If your child will be reading with you choose books that are lively and engaging.
3. **Set reasonable goals.** When starting out, limit book time to just a few minutes nd work up from there. Consider starting with 10-15 minutes of reading time, and work up from there. Add a few minutes to your reading time every week. State of Ohio reading assessments regard students to read for 90 minutes which includes a writing essay/composition.
4. **Celebrate progress.** Without getting to caught up on the number of minutes spent reading, celebrate the time that is spent reading.

## Website of the Month

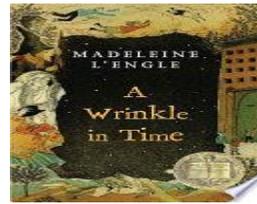
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## Books of the Month



Ferdinand is the world's most peaceful—and beloved little bull. While all of the other bulls snort, leap, and butt their heads, Ferdinand is content to just sit and smell the flowers under his favorite cork tree. The classic teaches the readers to stay true to yourself, and kindness is our most powerful possession.



A Wrinkle in Time is the story of Meg Murry, a high-school-age girl who is transported on an adventure through time and space with her younger brother Charles Wallace and her friend Calvin O' Keefe to the rescue her father, a gifted scientist, from the evil forces that hold him prisoner on another planet. At the beginning of the book, Meg is a homely, awkward, but loving girl, troubled by personal insecurities and her concern for her father, who has been missing for over a year. Join Meg on an amazing journey to learn to self-acceptance—our differences are our greatest gifts.

## Reading Challenge of the Month: Gain Reading Power

Like any other form of exercise, we need to start small and build in increments over time. Create a chart for the month which increases by set minutes each week:

