



Reading Program Year-End Highlights (2024–25)

Our students made **tremendous progress** in reading this year! Below is a snapshot of how their skills improved from fall to spring. Thank you, parents, for your support in this journey – it truly paid off.

Aug 2024 – Baseline

All students took beginning-of-year reading assessments (phonics, spelling, fluency, comprehension) to establish their starting levels.

Jan 2025 – Mid-Year Check

Mid-year tests showed strong gains, especially in phonics & spelling. Teachers adjusted groups to target reading fluency practice.

May 2025 – Year-End Results

End-of-year assessments recorded across-the-board improvement – every child advanced in key reading skills!

Phonics Accuracy (Class Avg)

79% → 91%

Knowing letter sounds (BOY vs EOY)

Spelling Accuracy (Class Avg)

62% → 78%

Writing words correctly (BOY vs EOY)

Reading Fluency (Class Avg)

65 → 92 WPM

Words read per minute (BOY vs EOY)

Everyone Improved

100% of students showed growth in their reading skills this year. Even students who started behind made notable leaps forward.

Struggling Readers Catching Up

Several previously reluctant readers **doubled their reading speed**. For example, one child went from 12 WPM to 24 WPM by spring!

Strong Readers Excel

Our high performers weren't held back – many reached near-perfect phonics/spelling scores and are reading faster than ever.

On-Level and Beyond

The number of students reading at least **100 WPM** (a common year-end goal) jumped from 4 in the fall to 11 in the spring.

What This Means: Strong phonics and spelling skills mean students can tackle new words with confidence. Improved fluency (reading speed and accuracy) makes reading more enjoyable and boosts comprehension. In fact, by May most students could understand and recall 80%+ of what they read, up from about 40% in September.

Next Steps: We encourage families to **keep the momentum going** over the summer. Regular reading (even 15 minutes a day) can help solidify these gains. Our school will share a summer reading list and local library programs for fun reading opportunities. With your support, we'll continue this upward trajectory next year – onwards and upwards to even better reading!

