



Congratulations to our All-State Choir Members:

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The American Library Association has found a strong connection between daily independent reading and overall student performance. Here are the top 10 benefits of independent reading on a daily basis.

- 1. **Reading exercises our brain** Reading is a much more complex task for the brain rather than watching TV. Reading strengthens brain connections and builds NEW connections.
- 2. Students who read often get better at it- Practice makes perfect in almost everything students do and reading is NO different.
- 3. **Reading teaches students about the world around them** By reading a variety of books, students learn about people, places and events all around the world.
- 4. **Reading IMPROVES concentration** Students have to sit still and quietly so they can focus on the story when reading. If they read often, they will develop the skills to do this longer.
- 5. **Reading develops a student's imagination** When students read their brains translate the descriptions we read of people, places and things into pictures. When students are engaged in a story they are imagining how a character looks and is feeling. Students then bring this knowledge into their daily lives.
- 6. **Reading IMPROVES vocabulary and language skills** Students learn new words as they read. They learn how to structure sentences and how to use words and other language features in their writing and speaking.
- 7. **Reading is FUN** A book doesn't take up much space, so students can take them anywhere and never be bored.
- 8. **Reading helps a child develop EMPATHY** As students develop they begin to imagine how they would feel in that situation they are reading about.
- 9. **Reading is a GREAT way to spend time TOGETHER** Reading together, bedtime stories and visiting a library are great ways of spending time together.
- 10. Children who read often ACHIEVE better in SCHOOL Reading promotes achievement in all subjects, not just English. Students who are good readers tend to achieve better across the curriculum.

I encourage you all to encourage your students to take time to read independently every day. The benefits will come to them ten-fold in the long run!

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