Improving Reading Comprehension in Grades K–3

A panel of experts has identified research-based practices to improve reading comprehension in kindergarten through 3rd grade to address concerns that only one-third of our students are performing above the proficient level in reading at the 4th grade.* Young readers need tools to understand increasingly sophisticated material in all subjects, from elementary through later years of school.

Teach Comprehension Strategies

Teach students reading comprehension strategies using carefully selected texts.

Focus on Text Structure

Help students identify and use a text's organizational structure to support comprehension.

Engage Students With Text

Establish an engaging environment that motivates students to read and encourages text discussions.

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* 2009 National Assessment of Educational Progress reading measures