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Building Fluency

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My school is a "Reading First" school also. I found myself brainstorming ideas to increase fluency and how to use it in centers. This is what I come up with...I have the students re-read a small book for the week and use several activities to keep their attention. I use buddy reading, use a puppet to read (the student speaks as the puppet reads), we too make scripts or I use chart paper to group create scripts, we make a book of the story and too take it on the road to read (and or perform puppet shows) to other classrooms. The idea I've just put into action is using my camcorder to record a student reading a story (well practiced)to a group of students. We all love to be movie stars! Each of the families sent in the video tape and the student will share with their family and bring back the tape to add to it. This was a true hit with the parents! In the centers I have two different pop-up tents for students to read in and they love to do that. I believe fluency comes with re-reading in the beginning and our position is to make it interesting. I hope I've helped.

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