

WHY CAN'T I SKIP MY 20 MINUTES OF READING TONIGHT?

Student A reads 20 minutes five nights of every week.
Student B reads only 4 minutes a night.....or not at all.

Step 1: Multiply minutes a night x5 times a week.
Student A reads 20 minutes a night x5 times a week =
100 minutes a week.
Student B reads for minutes a night x5 times a week =
20 minutes a week.

Step 2: Multiply minutes a week x4 weeks each month
Student A reads 400 minutes a month
Student B reads 80 minutes a month

Step 3: Multiply minutes a month x9 months/school year
Student A reads 3,600 minutes in a year
Student B reads 720 minutes in a year

Student A practices reading the equivalent of ten whole school days a year.
Student B gets the equivalent of only 2 school days of reading practice. By the end of 6th grade, if student A and student B maintain these same reading habits, student A will have read the equivalent of 60 whole days of school days. Student B will have read the equivalent of only 12 school days. One would expect the gap of information retained will have widened considerably, and so, undoubtedly, will school performance. How do you think student B will feel about him/herself as a student?

Some Questions to Ponder?

- Which student would you expect to read better?
- Which student would you expect to know more?
- Which student would you expect to write better?
- Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary?
- Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?