

SOAR Newsletter



#READ20

A strategy to help your child with Accuracy!

It is important to slow readers down when they come to a word they don't know and teach them to apply the strategy of cross checking so they are able to fix the meaning and not just skip the word. Cross checking requires a person to constantly think and monitor meaning. It is a strategy for ensuring the words and pictures read make sense and match the letters on a page.

How can you help your child with this strategy at home?

1. Listen to your child read. When he comes to a word he is unsure of, remind him to cross check. Ask:

- Does the word you are reading match the picture or letters written? (they cross their right arm over their body)
- Does it sound right? (their left arm crosses over their body making an X)
- Does it make sense? (both arms come down with hands pointing to the ground)

**Doing physical movements with each question helps children to remember the questions.*

2. If your child is having difficulty with this strategy at home, break down the process:

- Have him/her stop reading when meaning breaks down.
- Tell him/her to look at the letters and say the sounds or look for word chunks in words.
- Remind him/her to use the pictures to help.

3. To make your child aware of using this strategy, give him a piece of paper and tell him to make a tally mark each time he uses the cross checking strategy.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

We are Thankful for our Rutland Rockets and their families!

As your school counselors, we strive to highlight character traits through our classroom guidance lessons. Our focus for November and December will include gratitude, kindness and empathy. We will also encourage our students through individual and small group counseling. Please know we are here for our Rutland Rockets and their families, please let us know if you have a need.

*With love & gratitude,
Rutland School Counselors
Lynell O'Reel (Pre K-2)
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WHAT'S THE "SPECIAL"

LIBRARY: K-5: Kick off the book study Wonder learning how to respect others and appreciate the differences that make us all a "wonder".

MUSIC: K-2 Practicing for the holiday concert.

3-5: difference between notes . Treble pitches and recorders coming soon for 4th/5th.

ART: K-2: Seasonal Art 3-5:Fish—Diversity lesson

PE: K-5: Heart health and promoting Hoops for Heart.

COMPUTERS: Cyber Safety and Digital Footprints. Continue study of input and output devices such as key-boarding and mouse practice.

IT: K-2: Teach me APP (math, reading, writing skills)

3rd: debugging programs using 'code'.

STEM: K-2: Pumpkin Patch Marble Mazes & Turkey Traps 3rd: Floating Foil Rafts & paper towel tubes as sound amplifiers.

RES SPOTLIGHT



BUILDING A CAFE

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