



Tips & Tricks from Reading Coaches – Motivation

- 1. “Interview” your students to get to know them. Ask them about: their family, pets, favorite food, favorite color, their birthday, fun things they like to do, etc.**
- 2. Use a variety of tools: maps, globes, etc. All reading isn’t in books!**
- 3. If a student mentions something (character, movie, etc.) that you aren’t familiar with, do some research! The student will be impressed and you will learn about a topic to share with him/her.**
- 4. Use magazines or pamphlets – they are as good of a tool as books.**
- 5. Practice “Shared Reading/Writing” and take turns reading with your students. Start with a sentence, and then go to a paragraph or page.**
- 6. Ask your students about TV shows they like (Arthur, Curious George, etc.) and get those books.**
- 7. Be observant. I saw that a boy wore Batman and Transformers t-shirts, so I found and shared those books with him.**
- 8. Try giving your student easy books to read at home to a younger sibling (or pets or stuffed animals) to gain confidence and fluency.**
- 9. Draw a “family picture” together and label with names of each person and animal.**
- 10. Model & Share: bring 3 books that you are currently reading to share with your student. Talk about the kinds of books and subjects you are interested in. Then ask them about what they are interested in.**