

Is nightly reading really important?

Let's figure it out....Mathematically!

Student A reads for 20 minutes 5 nights a week.

Student B reads only 4 minutes a night...or not at all.

Step 1: Multiply minutes a night \times 5 times each week.

Student A reads 20 min. \times 5 times a week = 100 minutes a week.

Student B reads 4 minutes \times 5 times a week = 20 minutes a week.

Step 2: Multiply minutes a week \times 4 weeks each month.

Student A reads 400 minutes a month.

Student B reads 80 minutes a month.

Step 3: Multiply minutes a month \times 9 months/school year.

Student A reads 3600 min. in a school year.

Student B reads 720 min. in a school year.

Student A practices the equivalent of ten whole school days a year.

Student B gets the equivalent of only two school days of reading practice.

By the end of the 6th grade if **Student A and B** maintain these same reading habits, **Student A** will have read the equivalent of 60 whole 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?
- Which student would you expect to read better?
- Have a better vocabulary?
- Be more successful in school....and in life?

