

Five Ways to Spark Engaged Independent Reading

Concrete Strategies to Build Reading Engagement and Enjoyment

- **Set goals and expectations for yourself.** Talk to students about reading and setting individual, attainable goals.
- **Pick a book from a curated selection of novels and other literary works.** Have a collection of high-interest titles available that include a range of instructional reading levels.
- **Answer questions related to your reading.** Let students choose from a set of universal summary questions that help them reflect on their reading in different ways.
- **Recap what you read in a short summary.** At the end of reading time, have them summarize the entire experience.
- **Keep trying!** Help them understand the power of ongoing effort and practice in building reading muscle and achieving their goals

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