**Removing Roadblocks to Reading: 10 Surefire Routes**

1. **Provide more time and choice to read every day** (first priority-- genres, nonfiction, fiction, graphic texts, comics, news articles)
2. **Provide easier access** (include e books, audiobooks, classroom library of culturally relevant literature--no leveling of books in library)
3. **Require less writing** (in response to reading)
4. **Encourage more book talk** (student, self-directed conversations; book clubs, not just whole class)
5. **Give more time to sustained silent independent reading** (mainstay of reading program; includes monitoring through conferring—especially 1:1 to ensure students understand what they read, which is more likely with other 9 factors in place)
6. **Put guided reading in its rightful place** (students doing most of the work, guided reading as temporary scaffold, flexible groups)
7. **Do more reading aloud** (great way to introduce new books and authors, build vocabulary and concepts, and inspire love of language)
8. **Ensure fluency for youngest readers**—natural language texts, rereading, partner reading, Reader’s Theatre
9. **Do more shared reading** (especially of student authored texts and class authored texts through shared writing)
10. **Demonstrate reading process**—teacher as a reader-- thinking aloud on choosing books, figuring out vocabulary, close reading, self-monitoring, rereading, questioning, strategizing, applying what we know, inferring meaning from text and life experiences

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