



# The Mustang Messenger

## Empowering Every Learner

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### Look for Signs of Fluency Development

*Fluency*—the ability to read quickly, smoothly and with understanding of the text’s meaning—takes lots of practice to develop. In fact, it isn’t a one-time task. A child may read some books fluently, but then try more difficult materials, and need to work on fluency again. Developing fluency is an important step toward reading comprehension.

Your child is developing fluency when he:

- ◆ Recognizes many words immediately, or on sight.
- ◆ Reads several words in a row instead of having to pause and sound out each word.
- ◆ Reads with expression that makes sense with the text.
- ◆ Understands the meaning of what he’s reading.

Source: “What is Fluency?” Busy Teacher’s Cafe, [niswc.com/fluencydevelopment](http://niswc.com/fluencydevelopment).

### Music Enhances Reading Skills

Language skills grow when children sing along to their favorite tunes. And rhyming patterns in songs can help boost their memory skills, too. To use music to build reading skills:

- ◆ Read the lyrics as you and your child listen to a song.
- ◆ Sing favorite songs together as a family.
- Listen to music (and sing along) in the car and while you do chores at home.

Source: L. Woodall and B. Ziembroski, “Promoting Literacy Through Music,” [niswc.com/literacymusic](http://niswc.com/literacymusic).

## Mt. Holly Springs Elementary- Title I School

Mt. Holly Springs Elementary is among three elementary schools in our district to receive Title I literacy funding each year. Title I monies help support the Family Resource Center games, books, and other resources, in addition to the family literacy nights we have throughout the school year. We hope you and your children enjoy the Title I Pirate Family Night we have scheduled for Thursday from 3:30-5:00 P.M. All activities will occur in the multi-purpose room. We look forward to seeing you then!

## Family Resource Center

Our school offers many literacy and some math resources such as games and flashcards in our Title I Family Resource Center. Your child's teacher may send a note home indicating specific areas where your child may benefit from items in the center. You may visit the resource center, which is located in our school's library, during the day to check out items. In addition, we have items displayed in the cases outside the office which you can check out. Please contact our Title I Literacy Coach, Mrs. Bieber, at **[bieberm@carlisleschools.org](mailto:bieberm@carlisleschools.org)** if you would like more information.

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