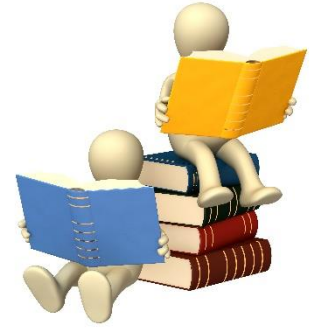# <u>Why I can't skip my 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight</u>?

## Let's figure it out mathematically!

Student A reads 20 minutes/five nights every week.

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

**Step 1:** Multiply minutes per night times 5 nights a week.

        Student A reads 100 minutes/week
        Student B reads 20 minutes/week

**Step 2:** Multiply minutes per week times 4 weeks per month.

        Student A reads 400 minutes/month
        Student B reads 80 minutes/month

**Step 3:** Multiply minutes per month times 9 "school" months/year.

        Student A reads 3600 minutes/school year
        Student B reads 720 minutes/school year

Student A practices reading the equivalent of 10 whole school days each year.   Student B gets the equivalent of only 2 school days of reading practice.

**Over the course of each student's school career, 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?

**Questions to ponder:**

- **Which student would you expect to read better?**
- **Which student would you expect to know more?**
- **Which student would you expect to write better?**
- **Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary?**