Partner Repeated Reading: The Weekly Plan

The same passage Monday through Thursday. A new passage on Friday.

Day	Teacher	Students	Materials
Monday	Model the passage aloud with expression. Lead a choral read.	Follow along, choral read, set a goal for the week.	Passage copies, goal sheet
Tuesday	Lead a choral read, then release students to practice.	Choral read, then 5 minutes of whisper phone practice anywhere in the room. Wipe the phone when done.	Whisper phones, Clorox wipes
Wednesday	Pair students. Listen in and coach feedback.	Partner read with feedback, then a one-minute timed read. Mark how far they got. Switch.	Feedback cards, timers
Thursday	New partners. Listen in and coach.	Same routine with a new partner. Mark how much further they got than Wednesday.	Feedback cards, timers
Friday	Pull each student for a one-on-one read of a new passage. Score words correct per minute.	Read the new passage one on one. Mark the score on their fluency graph.	New passage, class record, student graphs

Choosing passages

- About 150 to 250 words.
- Text the student reads with about 95 percent accuracy on the cold read.
- Short nonfiction from your content area works well.
- Keep Friday passages at about the same difficulty from week to week.

Scoring the Friday read

- Time one minute.
- Count the total words read.
- Subtract the errors.
- That number is words correct per minute (WCPM).
- Score expression too, not just speed.

Before you start

- Check for decoding gaps first. Repeated reading helps students who can read the words.
- Teach the listener's job before the first Wednesday.
- Make whisper phone cleanup part of the routine from day one.

Watch for

- Racing: fast and flat is not fluent.
- Many errors on the cold read: drop the passage level.
- Gains only on the practiced passage: the Friday read on new text tells you whether the skill is carrying over.

Friday Class Record

Words correct per minute on the new passage, one column per week.

Class / Period _____ Month _____

Student	Wk 1	Wk 2	Wk 3	Wk 4	Wk 5	Wk 6	Wk 7