

# Mighty Mini Must-Do Reading Skills

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## **Decoding:**

- 100 Word List
  - These words comprise 50% of printed text
- 35 Key Phonograms (rimes)
  - Can make at least 500 words
- Magic “e”
  - Usually changes short vowel (hop) into long vowel (hope)
- Vowel & Consonant Digraphs

## **Vocabulary:**

- Prefixes and Suffixes (together known as Affixes)
- Root words (Morphemic Analysis)
  - The “roots” (base words) and “leaves” (affixes) of words
- Multiple Meaning words
  - Especially important for English Language Learners (ELL)
- Word PLAY
  - Be Curious - Wonder about words; listen & hunt for new fun words &

## **Fluency:**

- Accuracy
- Speed (appropriate – not too slow but not too fast)
- Prosody (Expression guided by punctuation)

## **Comprehension:**

- Make Connections
- Asking Questions
- Predict and Infer
- Visualize – Mental Movies
- Get to Know Characters
- Non- Fiction

## **Best Way to Teach**

- Fun Flow – Make it Challenging but Not Too Hard
- Strong Emotion – it is like putting a “REMEMBER THIS” sticky note on amygdala
- Metaphors – Make Connections – Hook Up
- Keep Moving – Make it Physical
- Apply the Learning – DO IT!