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At Ridge-Brook, Reading Mastery is used during PIE Time and during Extra Support time. This program is taught by the Title I Teachers.

Reading Mastery is a direct-instruction program that was designed to teach students the skills necessary to become accurate and fluent readers. The program teaches decoding words in an explicit and systematic way. Fluency is practiced daily during each lesson. Comprehension is included from the beginning to teach readers how to infer, predict and conclude.

## What do the students learn and master in the red program?

### Letter Sounds:

Students are taught letter sounds in a systematic way. The students master the letter sounds through repetitive practice. Students hear the sounds repeatedly, practice the pronunciation of the sounds repeatedly, and practice reading the sounds. When reading the sounds, the students learn to connect the symbol to the sound.

### Word Reading and Fluency:

Students are taught how to decode words early on using the sounds they have already mastered. After students have mastered the art of decoding words, we move into reading sentences and short stories.

### Comprehension:

Comprehension instruction begins at the beginning of the program. Since students are just starting to learn their letter sounds, we start with picture comprehension. Then we move into word comprehension (vocabulary). Next is sentence comprehension (what does the sentence mean?). Finally, we work on comprehending short stories by using a variety of necessary comprehension skills.