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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 orange 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.

Fluency and Comprehension:

Students begin to program reading and rereading short stories. Students are asked several comprehension questions requiring the use of a variety of comprehension skills after reading the story. By the end of this program, the students are successfully reading “chapter” stories. The students are asked comprehension questions after reading and rereading these stories as well.