**Implementation of Oral Reading Chart**

**Process:** Readers learn to assess themselves and each other on their oral reading skills.

**Why is it better than Round Robin?** Everyone is engaged because classmates tune into each other’s oral reading skills. There is a specific purpose for attending to each other. Readers become more proficient when they know what they need to attend to.

**Explain the purpose:**

* To improve fluency – **Fluency** is the ability to read a text accurately, quickly, and with expression.
* To improve accuracy (CAFÉ)
* To improve comprehension
  + Because fluent readers do not have to concentrate on decoding the words, they can focus their attention on what the text means. They can make connections among the ideas in the text and their background knowledge. In other words, fluent readers recognize words and comprehend at the same time. Less fluent readers, however, must focus their attention on figuring out the words, leaving them little attention for understanding the meaning of text.   
    *from Reading Rockets:* [*http://www.readingrockets.org/teaching/reading-basics/fluency*](http://www.readingrockets.org/teaching/reading-basics/fluency)

**Whole Group Introduction -** Introduce as a mini-lesson. Start with a focus on a just a few traits and then extend from there on subsequent days.

* Use a read aloud to model each positive reading trait. Model examples and non-examples. Ask students to describe what they observe.
  + Example: Model smooth, expressive reading.
  + Example: Model choppy, mono-tone reading as a non-example.
* Make intentional mistakes to show what they look/sound like.
  + Skip words, repeat words, cut off endings …

**Literacy Center** – can fit in Independent Reading Center or the Fluency Center.

* Can be teacher-led small group
* Can be para-led small group
* Students can partner up and assess each other
* Can be independent small group where classmates assess each other

**Frequency of Implementation -**once or twice a week

**How to differentiate** – use leveled readers, Benchmark readers, or Lexile leveled passages from NEWSELA