WHY CAN'T I SKIP MY 20 MINUTES OF READING TONIGHT?

Student "A"
reads **20 minutes**
each day

3600 minutes
in a school year

1,800,000 words
90th percentile

Student "B"
reads **5 minutes**
each day

900 minutes
in a school year

282,000 words
50th percentile

Student "C"
reads **1 minute**
each day

180 minutes
in a school year

8,000 words
10th percentile

By the end of 6th grade, Student "A" will
have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days.
Student "B" will have read only 12 school days.

Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary?
Which student would you expect to be more successful in school... and in life?

(Nagy & Herman, 1987)