

Game Changer defined: a newly introduced factor that changes an existing situation or activity in a significant way

Whisper-reading: GAME CHANGER

Madeline, Gr. 3

She was at an A school since Kindergarten.

When referred to RST, her teacher described her as “my worst reader.” Her grades were so poor (despite reading interventions at school and private tutoring) she was losing privileges at home.

She wrote:

“It’s real hard to get reading assignments done on time. You have to re-read, like a hundred times, each sentence.”

While it would take a few months for her to conquer her phonological awareness deficiency, she experienced immediate results by addressing a suspected auditory learning style. **She was instructed to whisper-read everything for school and to study out loud for tests.** That was the game changer.

After her first week of whisper-reading all school work, Madeline reported that whisper-reading is “working good. I made a B on my weekly FCAT practice test—I usually make an F.”

In just two weeks of whisper-reading, she was making 100s on the reading comprehension tests (“No more Ds or Fs”).

FAIR tests had predicted her probability of passing the state standardized reading assessment at 38% in September and 23% in November. But in January—the month she started whisper-reading—the FAIR assessed her probability of passing the test at 70%.

She not only passed the state assessment, she scored L4.

Two years later, Madeline continues to make all As and Bs.

97% of RST students reported that their comprehension while reading and their grades in various content areas improved within two weeks of whisper-reading; most improved within the first week.