New Haven READS | TUTORING BASICS

# 5 Choice Time

***Choice Time is a critical piece of the hour, with the intention to end on a positive. Students enjoy this part the most and it can be a motivating incentive to end of an hour of hard work.***

While the other components of the tutoring hour can be completed in any order. Choice Time is always reserved for the last 10 minutes of the hour.

Use this time to build rapport with your student, work on oral language development, and gain trust.

Allow your students to tell their stories, let their personalities shine, practice their critical thinking skills, and feel challenged.

## Tips and Suggestions

Remember, one of the best parts of our tutoring model (for both you and your student) is the fun, reliability, and trust formed between a tutor-student pair.

- Work on your relationship during this time!
- Have fun, get to know them. Choice Time is so much more than just playing a game.
- Some kids may try to push game time early and get as much as possible–remember it is a reward for working hard during the tutoring session.

**Scan the QR code to access our training video**

# Final Tutoring Thoughts

Meet your students where they are.

Every tutoring session should include all four components, but things do come up.

***Speak with your Site Director when things don't go as planned and please remember to be flexible.***

Work through challenges:

***Reading is hard for our students and can be a frustrating experience which impacts their self-confidence or may result in behavioral issues.***

Be sure to celebrate your students and their achievements and help them feel proud about their progress in reading.

Don't be afraid if you are having a problem to bring over the SD or ASD to help resolve the issue –whether it be logistical or behavioral.

Please handle the Chromebooks for your students.

Students receive a snack at their sites–e.g. cheese, apple, orange.

Please be on time.

***Have fun! Tutors tell us this is the best hour of the week!***