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

Student “B” reads **5 minutes** each day
900 minutes in a school year
282,000 words

Student “C” reads **1 minute** each day
180 minutes in a school year
8,000 words

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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)