Why Should Students Read Twenty Minutes Every Night?

Let's Figure It Out...Mathematically!

Student A reads 20 minutes five nights every week;
Student B reads only 4 minutes a night....or not at all

Step 1: Multiply minutes a night X 5 times each week.
Student A reads 20 minutes X 5 times each week = 100 mins./week
Student B reads 4 minutes X 5 times each week = 20 minutes

Step 2: Multiply a week X 4 weeks each month.
Student A reads 400 minutes a month.
Students B reads 80 minutes a month.

Step 3: Multiply minutes a month X 9 months/school year.
Student A reads 3,600 minutes in an average school year.
Student B reads 720 minutes.

Student A practices reading the equivalent of ten whole school days a year.
Student B gets the equivalent of only two school days of reading practice.

By the end of 6th grade, if Student A and Student B maintain these same reading habits,
Student A will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days.
Student B will have read the equivalent of only 12 school days.

One would expect the gap of information retained will have widened considerable and so, undoubtly, will school performance.

How do you think Student B will feel about himself/herself as a student?

Some questions to ponder:

- Which student would you expect to read better?
- Which student would you expect to know more?
- Which student would you expect to write better?
- Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary?
- Which student would you expect to me more successful in school?