

Our Top Reading Tips



Make Reading a Part of Every Day

- Introduce new and interesting words at every opportunity. Children learn words more easily when they hear them spoken often.
- Read together every day, Talk about stories, pictures, and words.
- Be a reader and a writer. Children learn habits from the people around them.
- Visit the library often. Story times, computers, homework help, and other exciting activities await the entire family.

Top Strategies for Pre-Emergent Readers

- Read books with rhymes.
- Teach your child rhymes, short poems, and songs.
- Play simple word games: How many words can you make up that sound like the word “bat”?
- Practice the alphabet by pointing out letters wherever you see them and by reading alphabet books.

Top Strategies for Children who are Learning to Reading

- Point out the letter-sound relationships your child is learning on labels, boxes, newspapers, magazines, and signs.
- Listen to your child read words and books from school. Be patient and listen as your child practices. Let your child know you are proud of his reading.
- Help your child separate the sounds in words, listen for beginning and ending sounds, and put separate sounds together.

Top Strategies for Children who are “Reading to Learn”

- Reread familiar books. Children need practice in reading comfortably and with expression using books they know.
- Build reading accuracy. As your child is reading aloud, point out words he missed and help him read words correctly. If you stop to focus on a word, have your child reread the whole sentence to be sure he understands the meaning.
- Build reading comprehension. Talk with your child about what she is reading. Ask about new words. Talk about what happened in a story. Ask about the characters, places, and events that took place. Ask what new information she has learned from the book. Encourage her to read on her own.