

TIPS TO FOSTER LITERACY LEARNING FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS



Actions speak louder than words, let your child see you enjoying reading. They will learn that you value reading and see it as an important and enjoyable activity



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Be aware of the amount and kind of screen time your children have. Establish time limits, watch TV together and talk about what you are seeing.



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Computer time can be reading time. Let your children help search online for information. Teach them how to send messages to family and friends. Look for computer programs that build reading skills and websites that include books for children to read.



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Don't stop reading aloud just because your child is older and can read on their own. Children enjoy hearing stories. Read out loud to your children every day.



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Encourage bedtime reading. Help your child develop a bedtime reading habit by keeping a little library in their room and a reading lamp. Children who have trouble heading to bed will enjoy the chance to stay awake and read a little longer!



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Find a magazine that your child enjoys and get them a subscription. Children love to get their own mail!



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Get pictures of your child reading and put them up. Help them really see themselves as readers!



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Have your child's eye sight and hearing tested regularly. Reading involves eyes and ears. If you suspect your child may be having difficulty call your doctor



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Include the idea of reading as an activity with a purpose. For example, read to find information when planning a holiday or while shopping for groceries or preparing for a new pet.



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Join the public library and visit often. Allow lots of time for browsing and enjoying activities. Encourage your children to think of the library as a resource for fun and learning throughout life.



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Keep the fun in reading. The most important thing you can do to help your children become successful readers is to let them know reading is valuable and enjoyable.



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Listen to the stories your children tell. Encourage them to write down their ideas and experiences. Make up stories together



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Make reading a habit. Put aside special time to read together every day. Let your children know this time is important and special to you.



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Nurture your child's enthusiasm for reading by playing family games. These games help build reading skills and provide an opportunity to have fun together.



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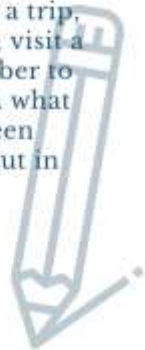
Organize a library at home. Keep a variety of books, magazines or newspapers that interest your children in a place where they can be easily found.



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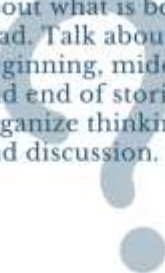
Plan opportunities for your child to build on what they have been reading about. Take a trip, learn online, visit a family member to follow up on what they have been learning about in books.



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Questions, such as "I wonder what will happen next?" encourage your child to talk and think about what is being read. Talk about the beginning, middle, and end of stories to organize thinking and discussion.



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Reading just 15 minutes a day means that your child will see more than a million words in a year. Reading every day is the most important thing you can do to help your child succeed. Think of reading as an intellectual vitamin.



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Spend time talking with your child. Discuss the details of your days activities. Listen to their thoughts and pay attention to their ideas.



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Take your children places so they can experience and discover new things. Visit museums, parks, other towns and people. Encourage them to talk about what they see and make connections to what they have been reading.



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Use audio books in the car and at home. Listening and following the text together is still reading and a fun change for both parents and children.



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Visit your child's classroom to learn how they are doing in school and pick up some tips from their teacher. Find out if there is a home summer reading activity from the school.



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Write notes, riddles or reminders for your children to read. Put them all around your house or in their lunch bag. They will look forward to these fun surprises.



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Xylophone! X-rays! Xbox! Use reading to introduce your children to new and exciting topics. Enjoy learning together.



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You can help your child succeed. Child who read become adults who read and you are their best teacher!



Z is the end of the alphabet. Point out letters and sounds as you spend time with your child. The alphabet is the beginning of a wonderful literacy journey with your children.

