

Families That Read Together Succeed Together!

10 WAYS TO RAISE A READER

1. Read to your child every day. It's never too late to start – even newborns respond to hearing your read.
2. Continue reading together even after your child learns to read. Older children still enjoy listening to others read.
3. Make stories come alive for your child when you read. Be animated and use different voices.
4. Be patient – let your child read aloud at his or her own pace. Offer help only when needed.
5. Discuss what you read together. Ask questions, and listen attentively to your child's answers.
6. Make reading time special. Cuddle up in a quiet, comfortable spot. Your child will associate reading with feeling secure, relaxed, and loved.
7. Encourage your child to read at least 15 minutes a day, either to you or independently.
8. Take along your child's favorite books wherever you go. Read on the bus, in the line at the store, or in waiting rooms.
9. Take your child to the library often and check out a variety of age-appropriate reading material.
10. Be a role model – read on your own. By seeing how much you enjoy reading, your child will learn that it's a great source of information and fun.

REMEMBER:

By encouraging your child to read, you are helping to ensure school success!

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Here are some ways to make family reading time more fun!



1. Set a date

Arrange a special time to read together every day. Just before bed, in the morning, after dinner- whatever works for your family.



2. Get Comfortable

Find a quiet place where you can snuggle up and relax with one another.



3. Act it out

Use different voices for the characters. Make faces and gestures, and add sound effects.



4. Trade places

Have each person who is able to read take a turn, beginning readers can take shorter turns if they like.



5. Talk about it

Ask questions about what you read, such as "How do you think this story will end?" or "What was your favorite part of the story? Why?"



6. Read it again

Be willing to read favorite stories again and again, especially those of young children. Change voices and think of new questions to ask.



7. Read aloud or silently

It is always fun to read aloud to one another. Or, just enjoy time spent together as all of you read on your own.