

Father Talks

fathers connecting with their children



Dads Connecting With Their Children Through Reading

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*Experts agree that reading aloud from **birth through 3rd grade** is the **single most important thing** a parent or caregiver can do to help prepare a child for reading and learning.*

Why Read With Your Child?

Connect with your children by reading with them.

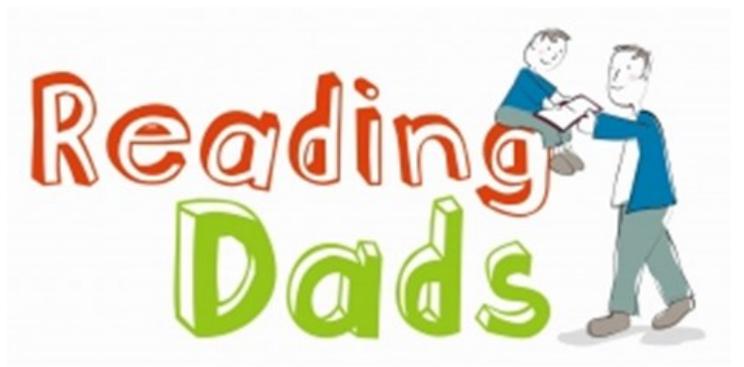
The research says that children who aren't proficient in reading by third grade are four times more likely to drop out of high school than those who are proficient in reading. Put another way, one in six children, who aren't proficient in reading by third grade, will not graduate high school on time. Why? In their first three grades, we teach children to read. In fourth grade and beyond, we teach children to learn other things by using the reading skills they learned in grades one through three. Source: Annie B. Casey Foundation

How To Get Started?

- Go the [library](#) with them, get them a library card
- Check out, and return, library books with them

About Reading With Your Child

- Why read with your child?
- How to get started
- How to continue
- Tell us how it went



How To Continue?

- Read with your children. Ask them to practice the skills shown in the “[16 FOR SUCCESS Card](#)” - provided courtesy of the Summit Education Initiative, and available at www.summitfathers.org/programs
- Suggested Reading Materials, all available at www.summitfathers.org/programs
 - For pre-Kindergarten children, choose from books on the “[Pre-K Reading Books](#)” list —provided courtesy of the Summit Education Initiative
 - For Kindergarten through third grade children, choose from the following lists— provided courtesy of the Akron-Summit County Public Library
 - ⇒ “[Great Books for 1st Graders](#)”
 - ⇒ “[Great Books for 2nd Graders](#)”
 - ⇒ “[Great Books for 3rd Graders](#)”

Links for all of the above materials are available on www.summitfathers.org/programs

- [Program Brochure](#)
- [16 FOR SUCCESS Card \(practicing reading skills\)](#)
- [Pre-K Reading Books](#)
- [Great Books for 1st Graders](#)
- [Great Books for 2nd Graders](#)
- [Great Books for 3rd Graders](#)

Learn to Read, then Read to Learn

In pre-kindergarten through third grade, we learn to read. In fourth grade and beyond we read to learn. Without good reading skills, children will be at a disadvantage to learn other subjects. This disadvantage can be with them throughout their lives.



Tell Us How It Went

Your Fatherhood Practitioners Want To Know

- How did your children respond to your reading with them?
- How did they respond to your questions?
- How frequently do you read with them?



How Did Reading With Your Child Work Out?

- How did your children respond to your reading with them?
- How did they respond to your questions?
- How frequently do you read with them?
- How many books per week do you read with them?
- What about reading with your child would you like to share with other dads?

Tell your Fatherhood class facilitator! We want to know. We want to share your ideas with other dads. Share this material with your child's mom. Ask her to help too!

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