

READING

A Key to Your Student's Success

Experts agree that reading is at the heart of school success. Good readers find it easier to do well in all subjects. And no matter what your child's age, you play an important role as you encourage reading.



One of the greatest gifts you can give your child is the love of reading. Begin by making sure that your home offers many opportunities to develop reading skills.

Keep a variety of reading materials handy. Make it possible to read anytime, anywhere. Put books, magazines—even comic books—in your child's bedroom, the kitchen and the bathroom.

Create a special reading spot for your child. Make it comfortable, with good lighting, and away from distractions like the phone or the TV.

Talk about what you and other family members are reading. Your interest and enthusiasm will motivate your child to be a reader—and develop a life-long love of reading.

Here's How You Can Improve Your Child's Reading Skills



- Read with your child every day. This shows your child that reading is important.
- Be a reading role model. Children who see parents reading want to read, too.
- Encourage your child to read books that include some new words. Look them up in a dictionary together.
- Make frequent trips to the library. Make sure each family member has a library card.
- Ask your child questions as you read. "What do you think will happen next?"
- Ask your child about reading assignments. "What did you learn from this chapter?"
- Encourage your child to do some "real life" reading: a recipe, instructions for a game, news articles, even a map.
- Praise reading progress. Express your pride as your child builds reading skills.

Of all the things you can do to encourage school success, nothing compares to developing your child's love of reading.

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