

tips for home reading

1. support your child in reading everyday at home.
2. make reading time enjoyable through praise and encouragement.
3. help your child to select a variety of reading material: picture books, nonfiction books, magazines, chapter books, novels, newspapers, letters, recipe books, flyers...
4. help your child choose "good-fit" books to read. these are books they can read with good understanding and with good fluency, with a few difficult words occasionally. these books make your child feel strong as a reader.
5. encourage your child to reread favorite books.
6. listen to and enjoy your child's reading. ask questions and become absorbed in the story they are reading.
7. read to your child. choose books that are beyond your child's "good-fit" level to help them grow as a reader (example: harry potter books). reading challenging books aloud to your child will help build their vocabulary.
8. before reading, talk with your child about what they and you already know about the topic or what they think will happen or learn.
9. tell your child what you think about before you read, while you read, and after you read something. show them how you problem solve as you read. for example, when you get confused while reading you may slow down your reading or stop and reread.
10. after reading, discuss with your child their thoughts and opinions about the text.
11. teach through example: let your child see how much you love to read and value reading by reading often.
12. subscribe to a child-friendly magazine (american girl, time for kids, sports illustrated kids, national geographic for kids, discovery girls, boys life, etc.)
13. allow your child create and maintain a bedroom library.