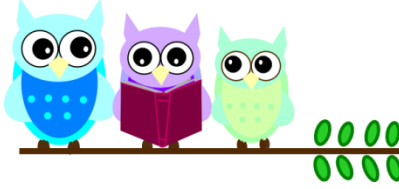


Partners in Literacy



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Reading at Home

“THE MORE THAT YOU READ, THE MORE YOU WILL KNOW, THE MORE YOU KNOW, THE MORE PLACES YOU’LL GO.” - DR. SEUSS

- Reading should be viewed as both a habit and a rewarding experience, a way for your child to unwind and explore new information and stories.
- It’s okay to let picky readers choose to read an appropriate magazine.
- Create a quiet and comfortable environment for your child to read. Reading is most fun when they are able to “get into” the book without distractions. Kids also like to create reading “spots.” It could be a hammock, a fort, their room, the porch, wherever!
- Show your child how and where you like to read. Share your stories and favorite books with each other.
- Take a trip to the library or a book store as a reward for good behavior.
- Kids read at different levels and rates. Make sure the book is “just right.”

Topics to Discuss When Reading:

Nonfiction Texts

- Fascinating facts
- Main ideas & details
- Connections to the real world
- New vocabulary

Fiction Texts

- Characters
- Problems
- Connections to other stories
- Overcoming challenges
- Interesting vocabulary

Writing at Home:

- Imaginative stories
- Fact books
- Alphabet Books for younger siblings
- Captions for artwork
- Letters to family members

For more information:

- <http://empoweringwriters.com/teachers-corner/parents-corner/>
- <http://www.readwritethink.org/parent-afterschool-resources/>

Language: Building oral language is vitally important! You can expand your child’s vocabulary through consistent exposure to vivid words. Have fun with language! Ask them to *commence* their free time, or *refrain* from chewing with their mouths open. Discuss figurative language, such as similes (comparisons using like or as “tall as a tree”) and idioms (traditional sayings with non-literal meanings – “driving me up the wall,” “woke up on the wrong side of the bed,” etc.). The more your child is exposed to sophisticated language at home and school, the more their vocabulary will grow.