



Read at Home Plan for Parents



As young children grow and develop, one of the most important aspects of their growth is language development. Reading at home with your child will help to strengthen vocabulary, language, and develop a love for books and stories. What are some simple tips to develop reading habits at home?

Carve out time each day dedicated to reading together. Daily, consistent time spent reading will help establish a routine. **Find a quiet spot without distractions.** It can be hard for many kids to focus, so finding a quiet place to read will be important. **Let your child be involved in choosing books.** Choice in reading will help to build positive feelings about reading and help to develop life-long reading habits. **All reading is valuable!** Graphic novels, audiobooks, nonfiction books, short stories, poems, nursery rhymes, and the list goes on and on! Help your child to experience all types of print. **Rereading familiar books can be fun!** It is natural for children to fall in love with particular books, and rereading beloved favorites can help build positive feelings about reading time. **Reading at home should be fun, not a chore.** This is a time to practice reading skills that have been mastered, to celebrate who your child is as a reader, and to build language and vocabulary while listening to stories.

We are here to partner with you to make the love of reading more enjoyable and meaningful. See below for helpful tips on how to engage your child in early reading skills, word recognition, vocabulary, and discussion techniques while reading.

<p>Skill based activities, grades K-5</p>	<p>The Florida Center for Reading Research has compiled a list of ready-to-go activities for students in grades K-5.</p>  <p>https://fcrr.org/student-center-activities/kindergarten-and-first-grade</p>
<p>Prompting and questioning while reading: How do we talk about the books we read together?</p>	 <p>https://docs.google.com/document/d/1W2t5XjGVa1MIbe1U4JGMKDWnvAIHCaU7GuZbO6XwNrE/edit?usp=sharing</p>

We are thankful to be on this reading journey with you. If you need more ideas or support on how to engage with your child in reading at home, please do not hesitate to reach out and contact us. Happy reading!

The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." -Dr. Seuss