

Ways a Parent can help a Child with Reading:

1. Read out loud to your child – books, newspaper articles, recipes, billboards and signs – anything!
2. Let your child see you reading
3. Ask your child about the books he or she is reading at school
4. When reading a story with your child, ask him or her what he or she thinks will happen next
5. After reading a story with your child, ask him or her to make up a different ending or to guess what would happen to the characters after the story is over
6. Visit your public library regularly
7. Set aside a time and place for your child to read – possibly a comfortable chair or a reading light for bedtime stories
8. Encourage your child to write letters to family and friends, such as thank you notes
9. Have a dictionary in your house and help your child look up new words he or she reads in a book or hears on T.V.
10. Ask your child questions about what he or she is reading, such as...
 - What is the story about?
 - Who are the important characters in the story?
 - Where does the story take place?
 - Why did that happen?
 - How did you know about that?
 - Why do you think the character made that choice?
 - How is this book alike or different from the last book you read?
 - Would you recommend this book to others to read? Why or why not?
11. Read mysteries with your child and help him or her to figure out the clues
12. Provide crossword puzzles, word searches and other word puzzles, or help your child to make up his or her own puzzles with words
13. Give your child a notebook, diary, or journal where he or she can write about family events, trips, or what happens in his or her daily life
14. Have books and magazines in your home
15. Allow your child to play appropriate reading and word games on the computer
16. Ask your child to draw a picture that shows what is happening in a story
17. Provide scrap paper, pencils, pens, markers and crayons
18. Read poems and nursery rhymes out loud
19. With younger children, make a game out of finding words that rhyme or words that start with the same letter or sound
20. Look for after-school and summer reading programs at your school or library