

QUICK TIPS FOR READING SUCCESS AT HOME

Parents and guardians are a child's first and best teacher. Making reading a fun and natural activity is the key. Studies show that reading at home is the 2nd largest factor in student achievement. Time spent reading at home directly correlates with reading gains students make each year. Follow these quick tips to help your child make reading gains at home:



MAKE TIME FOR READING



Schedule a special time for reading each day, such as before bed or while you're cooking dinner.

A few minutes a day makes a big difference!

- Track reading time with a notebook or a reading log chart.
- Digitally track reading with the **Reading Rewards** app or online at <http://www.reading-rewards.com/>.

BOOKS, BOOKS, AND MORE BOOKS



Availability is key!

Find books at your local library, a Little Free Library, or buy books at a garage sale or book store.

- Find your local Little Free Library at <https://littlefreelibrary.org/>.

READ ANYTIME, ANYWHERE



Don't have a book handy?

Have your child read a grocery list, signs and labels, or comics in a newspaper.

- Find a grocery store ad and have your child circle all of the words they know while you shop.
- Make a small grocery list for your child, to be responsible for.

READ ALOUD



Demonstrate natural reading and help your child learn new words.

- Choose a picture book each night to read as a bedtime story.
- Make time in the evenings or on weekends to read a chapter book aloud to the whole family.

READING IS FUN!



Encourage reading for fun!

Help your child choose books that will keep them engaged.

- Find titles of your child's favorite character.
- Find a non-fiction text filled with graphics about your child's passions.
- Comic books and graphic novels are great too!
- Check out popular books with **DOGO Books** Reviews for kids by kids <https://www.dogobooks.com/>.

MAKE IT DIGITAL



Take advantage of reading digitally with websites, eBooks, audio books and more.

- Have your child make a book review on Youtube, review books on DOGO Books, or play educational games.
- Check out videos of notable actors reading award-winning children's literature <http://www.storylineonline.net/>.



STORYTELLING



Talking and writing about stories helps build language skills.

- Tell your child about your favorite memory, and encourage your child to write about his/her favorite memory.

BOOK TALKS



Create stories with your child. Write them down and draw illustrations.

Talk about books and understand more about your child's interests.

Ask your child questions about the stories they read:

- What happened in this story?
- What did you like/dislike about the story?
- Who was your favorite character?

FIND A JUST RIGHT BOOK

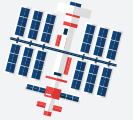


Help your child choose books that they can read independently.

If your child has difficulty with 5 or more words on a page, your child may need support reading the book.

- For emerging readers, look for books with larger text, shorter sentences, and pictures.

SET AN EXAMPLE



Show your child you are a reader. Let your child catch you in the act of reading.

- Join a book club!
- Join Goodreads to stay up to date on hot titles, read review, and rate your books: <https://www.goodreads.com/>.
- Get recommendations of books based on titles you have already read at yournextread.com.

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