

The Importance of Reading at Home

Information for Parents



Reading improves student concentration.



Reading helps students develop language skills.



Reading fosters curiosity about the world we live in.



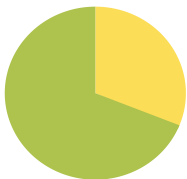
Reading helps students do better in all school subjects.



Children who are read to at least three times a week are twice as likely to score in the top 25% of reading scores.



The number of books in the home correlates significantly with higher reading scores for children.



65% of American fourth graders do not read at grade level.



Children's books contain 50% more rare words than primetime TV.

Make the most of reading at home

Reading at home together will help your child build vocabulary and critical reading skills. Here's how you can help.

Help improve your child's comprehension

After reading a book with your child, ask them to tell you what the book was about. Being able to remember and restate important details of a story are key to reading comprehension.

Mix it up (but not too much)

Make reading fun by picking out new books at the library and bookstore. But don't forget about your old books. While new books can be fun, rereading a favorite book helps children work on pronouncing words properly and reading in a smoother tone.

Help decode unknown words

Help your child decode unfamiliar words by sounding them out, and by using clues from other parts of the sentence or story. Also, help your child look up new words in a print or online dictionary.

Develop Comprehension Skills

Asking your child questions while you're reading (and when you're finished) will help your child develop important reading comprehension skills.

- ▶ What do you think will happen next?
- ▶ What would you do?
- ▶ How do you think the character feels in this picture?
- ▶ What did you like about this book?



For tips on helping your child succeed in school, watch this video.