

Encourage Reading

Parents Make the Difference

Your encouragement and support are extremely important in helping your child develop their reading skills!

Whether your child is a new reader or is able to read independently, parental engagement is an important part of literacy.



Why Reading Matters

Reading improves student concentration.

Reading helps students develop language skills.

Reading helps students do better in all subjects.

Reading fosters curiosity about the world we live in.

Reading with your child at home has huge benefits. Children who are read to at least three times a week are twice as likely to score in the top 25% on reading assessments.

Make Reading a Priority

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

- ▶ Have family reading time—30 minutes when everyone reads.
- ▶ Show your child that reading is a way to pursue personal interests. Regularly take your child to the library to get books on topics of interest to them.
- ▶ Find a book series that's appropriate for your child's reading level (such as *Harry Potter*) and take turns reading pages or chapters.
- ▶ Give books for birthdays and other special occasions.
- ▶ Be a good role model. Let your child see you reading newspapers, books, and magazines. Talk about the interesting things you learn.

Help young learners develop comprehension skills

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

- ▶ *What do you think will happen next?*
- ▶ *Why do you think the character did that?*
- ▶ *How do you think the character feels in this picture?*



VIDEO

For more, watch this quick video!