

Kindergarten Reading Tips for Parents



Your encouragement and support are extremely important in helping your kindergartener develop their budding reading skills.

The information and tips here will help you make reading a fun part of your everyday routine.

Kindergarten Reading: An Overview

It's important for all students to have a strong foundation in reading, and kindergarteners spend a good deal of time developing the skills they need to read. Here are some of the skills kindergarteners typically work on.

- ▶ recognizing all the letters of the alphabet and their corresponding sounds
- ▶ reading words and short sentences
- ▶ being able to retell a story after listening to it
- ▶ recognizing and using rhyming words
- ▶ quickly recognizing *sight words*—words that appear frequently in books for beginning readers

Support New Skills

Read to your child every day.

Reading aloud to your kindergartener is the best thing you can do to help build your child's reading skills.

Talk about letter sounds.

Point out letter sounds in names, places, and things. Discuss their similarities and differences.

"That word starts with the same sound as your name. Can you think of any other words that start with that sound?"

Teach sight words.

Help your child learn "sight words." Look for these common words in everyday situations and in the books you read.

a	can	here	like	on	to
am	come	I	look	see	up
an	do	in	me	so	we
and	go	is	my	the	went
at	he	it	no	this	you

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?
- ▶ Why do you think the character did that?
- ▶ How would you feel?
- ▶ What would you do?
- ▶ Did you like this book?



VIDEO

For more, watch this quick video!

