

## Kindergarten Reading Tips for Parents



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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

## 1st Grade Reading Tips for Parents



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### First Grade Reading: An Overview

In kindergarten, students gain the necessary tools to learn to read. In first grade, they put those tools to use. Here are some of the skills first graders typically work on.

- ▶ recognizing reading errors (such as knowing when they have mispronounced a word)
- ▶ using familiar words to decode unfamiliar words (for example, figuring out “hit” because it contains the known word “it”)
- ▶ reading sight words without having to sound them out

*When at the library, look for “Level 1” and “Beginning Reading” books.*



VIDEO

For more, watch this quick video!

## 2nd Grade Reading Tips for Parents



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### Second Grade Reading: An Overview

In second grade, the focus is on “reading for meaning” (reading to understand). There is also an emphasis on fluency (reading with speed, accuracy, and expression). Students learn to recognize more words by sight, and they learn strategies that help them figure out new words.

Here are some skills your second grader is likely to work on this year.

- ▶ using context clues (other parts of a sentence or story) to figure out unknown words
- ▶ reading independently, both in the classroom and at home
- ▶ reading longer stories, including beginner chapter books



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## 3rd Grade Reading Tips for Parents



Your encouragement and support are extremely important in helping your third grader develop their reading skills.

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### Third Grade Reading: An Overview

In third grade, students go from learning to read to “reading to learn.” Students read books, articles, and poems, and they discuss what they read with others. Students may also frequently use their reading skills in subjects other than language arts, like reading a social studies or science textbook.

#### Reading abilities vary

Whether your child is reading a picture book or a chapter book, students this age should be able to read independently. To check your child’s reading, periodically ask them to read aloud to you. If you have concerns about your child’s reading, speak to their teacher.

## 4th Grade Reading Tips for Parents



Your encouragement and support are very important in helping your fourth grader develop their reading skills.

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### Fourth Grade Reading: An Overview

The focus of fourth grade reading is comprehension—being able to understand the meaning of what’s read.

Fourth graders read a variety of genres: fiction, nonfiction, poems, fables. They’re often asked to discuss, and write book reports on, the books they’ve read. Students also use their reading skills to complete assignments in other subjects, such as science and social studies.

To help your child handle the increasing length and difficulty of reading assignments, encourage your child to develop good reading habits, including removing all distractions and reading difficult text slowly or out loud.

## 5th Grade Reading Tips for Parents



Your encouragement and support are very important in helping your fifth grader develop their reading skills.

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### Fifth Grade Reading: An Overview

Fifth graders read fiction and nonfiction books, and textbooks in subjects like science and social studies. Fifth grade students also learn how to analyze and summarize what they read.

To help your child handle the increasing length and difficulty of reading assignments, encourage your child to develop good reading habits, such as removing all distractions and reading difficult text slowly or out loud.

Fifth graders should be able to read aloud with little stumbling or hesitation. Even though your child can read independently, ask them to read aloud to you from time to time.

For the top 10 5th grade success tips, watch this quick video!

