



TIPS FOR READING AT HOME WITH YOUR CHILD



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#1 Read with your child every day!



#2 Stop and ask questions of your child as you read.

Questions for Fiction Texts:

Who are the characters in the story, and what character traits can you use to describe them?

Retell the story using events in order from the beginning, middle, and end of the story.

What is the problem or plot in the story? How is it solved?

What is the main idea? How do you know? Show me in your book.

What lesson is this story teaching you?

What does the word _____ mean? What parts of the story helped you determine the meaning?

Questions for Nonfiction Texts:

What features in the book help you find important information about what you are reading? (Examples: headings, subheadings, captions, glossary, bold words) How do they help you?

What does the author want you to learn from this book?

Why did the author write this book?

What is the main idea? How do you know? Show me in your book.

What does the word _____ mean? Look at the picture, graphic, illustration; is there something there to help you figure out what the word means?

#3 When your child gets stuck on a word, don't immediately tell him/her the word. Instead, offer a strategy to try.

- Check the picture
- Ask the reader what would make sense for the unknown word.
- Scan the word with your finger and eyes to see if there are parts that you know.
- Break the word into smaller chunks.
- Sound out the parts and blend them together.

#4 Read different types of books together. Remember children can usually listen to and comprehend texts at a much higher level than they can read.



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#5 Let your child see you read.



#6 Keep it relaxed! Make reading an enjoyable time between you and your child.

