

8 Ways Busy Parents Can Encourage Reading

1. Limit TV viewing to make time for reading. Even 15 minutes of reading before bedtime can improve your children's skills.
2. Surround your children with reading material. Tempt your kids to read by placing reading materials in cars, bathrooms, bedrooms, family rooms, etc.
3. Encourage your older children to read to their younger siblings.
4. Go to the library regularly. Bring paper-work and pay your bills while your kids look at books.
5. Turn play dates into reading circles. Ask the children to read to each other, then discuss the story.
6. Have your kids read books to you while you prepare dinner or fold laundry.
7. Bring books on family errands and trips—on the bus, in the car, to the doctor, to the store, to relatives' homes, etc.
8. Use games to make reading exciting (see flier for more details).

Do What GREAT READERS Do!

BEFORE READING

Preview the material. Look through the pages. Think about what you know about the content.

Predict what might happen in the story or what you will learn.

DURING READING

Visualize what is happening. Make a connection.

Predict what you expect to happen next.

Ask yourself, "Does it make sense?" If not, reread or use context clues.

Pick out the important ideas.

AFTER READING

Reflect on what you've read:

- What did you learn?
- Did you like what you read?
- Did your predictions come true?

Retell the story or summarize the information for someone.

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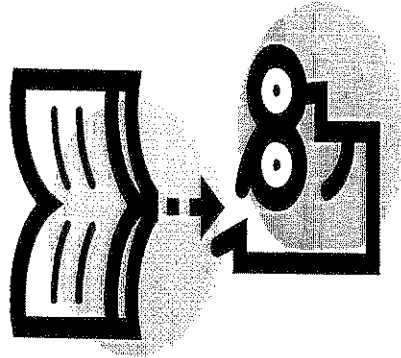
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A love of reading
leads to success!