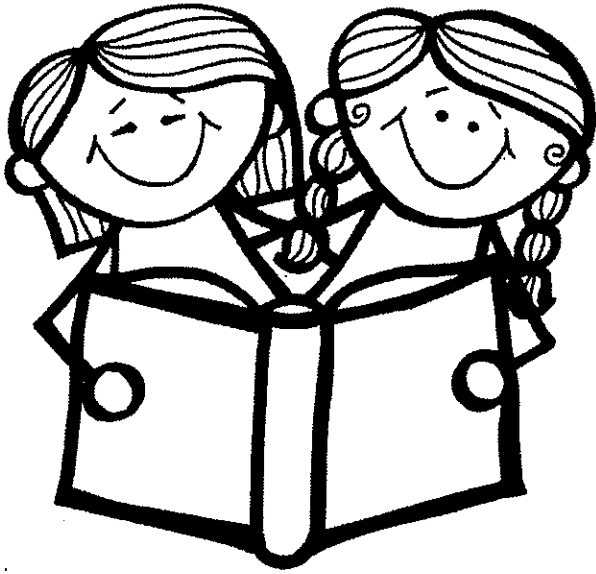


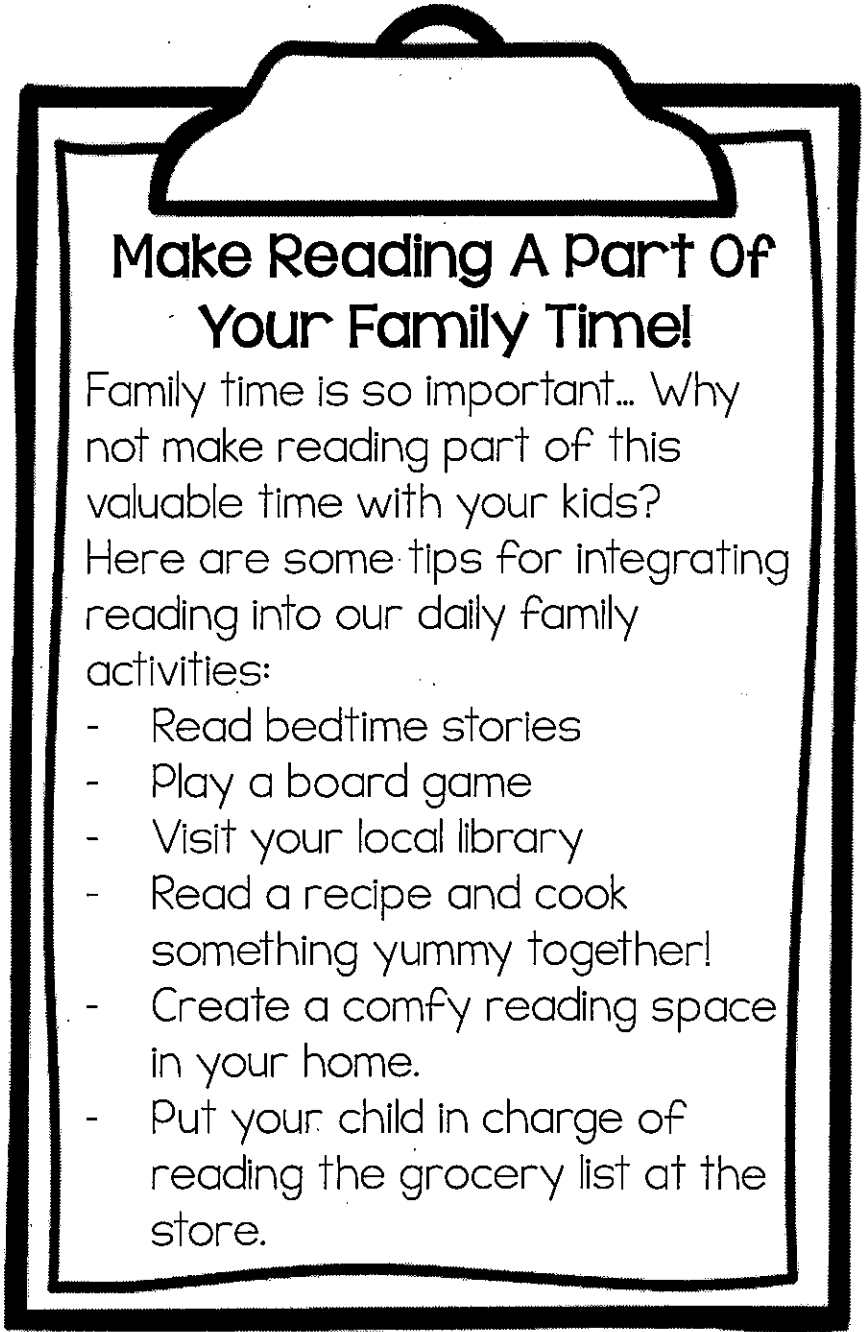
Reading At Home...

Can Make A HUGE Difference!



Choose Books That Are At An Appropriate Reading Level For Your Child

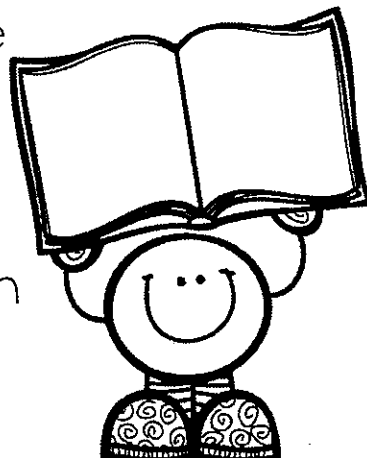
- ☐ Use the five finger rule. Open the book to any page and ask your child to read. Put up a finger every time your child does not know a word. If you have put up more than five fingers before the end of the page, this book is too hard for your child.
- ☐ Choose books that match your child's likes and interests.



Make Reading A Part Of Your Family Time!

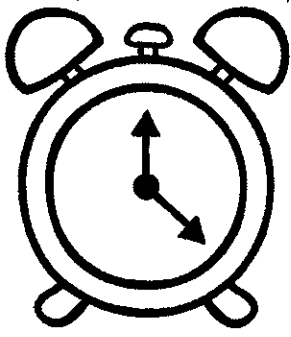
Family time is so important... Why not make reading part of this valuable time with your kids? Here are some tips for integrating reading into our daily family activities:

- Read bedtime stories
- Play a board game
- Visit your local library
- Read a recipe and cook something yummy together!
- Create a comfy reading space in your home.
- Put your child in charge of reading the grocery list at the store.



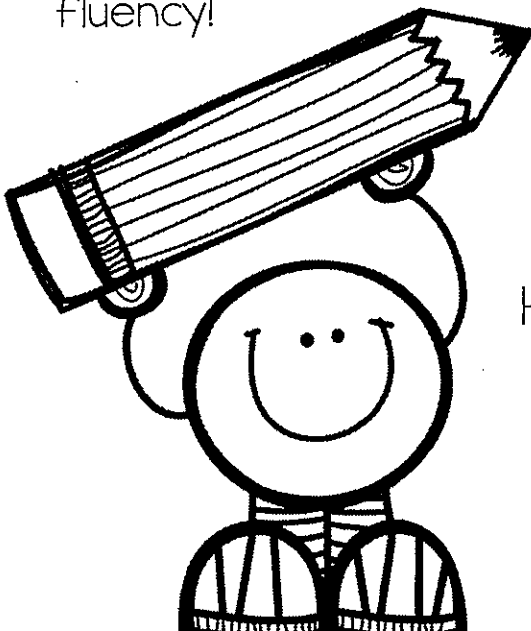
Keep plenty of reading materials in your home: books, magazines, newspapers, and comic books. Children enjoy having a variety of reading materials!

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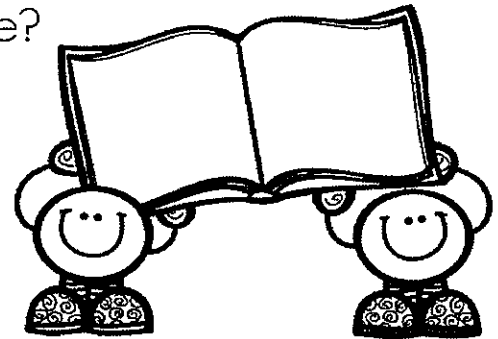
How To Read With A Beginning Reader:

- Encourage your child to use his/her finger to point to each word.
- Read a sentence and have your child repeat it.
- Take turns reading a sentence each or a page each.
- Talk about the story as you read it. What do you think will happen next? What does this story remind you of? How do you think this character feels?
- Don't be afraid to read the same book again! Repeated reading helps build reading fluency!



Check For Understanding

- ✓ Start the book by making predictions. What do you think will happen in this story?
- ✓ Ask questions and make comments during the reading process.
- ✓ After reading a book, have your child tell you the events from the story in the correct order.
- ✓ What was the problem in this story?
- ✓ How did the character feel when...?
- ✓ Encourage your child to make connections. Does this story remind you of another book you read, an event in your life, a movie?



Read Books Online!

There are many fun and interactive websites for literacy.

Here are a few FREE online resources:

www.starfall.com

www.speakaboos.com

www.spellingcity.com

www.wegivebooks.org

<http://interactivites.weebly.com>

Help Your Child Become a Better Reader

Read more!

- ❖ *Make reading fun!*
- ❖ *Read together every day.*
- ❖ *Tell your child, "You are a good reader!"*
- ❖ *Let your child see you reading.*

Ask questions before reading:

- ❖ *"What do you think the book will be about?"*
- ❖ *"What do you think will happen to the character on the cover?"*
- ❖ *"What does the title mean?"*
- ❖ *"Why do you think the author chose that title?"*

Ask questions while reading:

- ❖ *"Why does that boy look so sad?"*
- ❖ *"What is that mom looking for?"*
- ❖ *"What does "endangered" mean?"*
- ❖ *"Where is that dog going?"*

Make predictions:

- ❖ *"I think that she will win the race."*
- ❖ *"I think he will find the bunny."*
- ❖ *"I think that George will tell the truth."*
- ❖ *"I think they are going to get lost in there."*

Point to the words:

- ❖ *This will help your child match the words with the print.*
- ❖ *You can point, and encourage your child to point as time goes on.*
- ❖ *Use mainly on short texts with big words or you both will get tired!*

Make connections to your own lives:

- ❖ *"That cat reminds me of Jenny's cat."*
- ❖ *"This reminds me of that time when we drove to Grandma's house."*
- ❖ *"This boy looks like John"*
- ❖ *"This reminds me of dinner at our house."*

Make connections to other books:

- ❖ *"Charlotte the spider is smart and helpful but Anansi the spider is tricky."*
- ❖ *"In Goodnight Moon, I notice a picture of the bunnies from Runaway Bunny."*
- ❖ *The pigeon is funny in both Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus and The Pigeon Finds a Hot Dog.*
- ❖ *The Gingerbread Baby is kind of like the story of The Gingerbread Man because they both have to run away from the fox.*

Visualize and create sensory images:

- ❖ *Close your eyes and picture it in your head. Can you see it?*
- ❖ *Imagine it. Can you see all those beautiful colors?*
- ❖ *Can you smell that grass right after it is cut?*
- ❖ *Imagine how loud Clifford's bark is! Can you hear it?*
- ❖ *Can you feel that cool wind on your face?*

Reflect on the book:

- ❖ *Did you like it or not? What makes you say that?*
- ❖ *Retell what happened in the story.*
- ❖ *Who else might like it?*
- ❖ *Should we read more by this author?*