

Parent Reading Strategies For Students in Kindergarten through Grade 6

Make reading an enjoyable and positive experience by using the following strategies:

1. **Predicting.** Look at the book cover together and predict what the book is about.
2. **Reread familiar books.** Children need practice in reading comfortably and with expression using books they know.
3. **Build reading accuracy.** As your child is reading aloud, point out words he/she misses and help him/her read words correctly. If you stop to focus on a word, have your child reread the whole sentence to be sure he/she understands the meaning.
4. **Build reading comprehension.** Talk with your child about what he/she is reading. Ask about new words. Talk about what happened in a story. Ask about characters, places, and events that take place. Ask what new information he/she has learned from the book. Encourage him/her to read labels, etc. on his/her own.
5. **Share conversations with your child over meal times and other times you are together.** Children learn words more easily when they hear them spoken often.
6. **Read together every day.** Spend time talking about stories, pictures and words.
7. **Be your child's best advocate.** Stay informed about your child's progress in reading.
8. **Be a reader and a writer.** Children learn habits from the people around them.
9. **Visit your local library.** Families have the opportunity to engage in story time, use of computers and receive help with homework.