Raising Readers: Tips for Parents

Fun and Easy Ideas for Reading at Home

1. Set aside a family reading time each day or several times each week.
2. Give books or magazines as gifts for birthdays, holidays or other important celebrations.
3. Make regular trips as a family to the library or book store.

What Else Can Families Do?

4. Listen to audio books as a family while driving or relaxing at home.
5. Start a 15-minute late bedtime reading routine at your home.

What Else Can Families Try?

7. Play word games as a family. Try traditional games such as Scrabble and Hangman. Play new games such as Scrabble Flash, Blurt, Bananagrams and Apples to Apples Jr. Check out online word games at word-games.pogo.com. Even the Wii and Nintendo DS offer word games.
8. Become a family of word wizards and your child will learn over 200 words a year (and develop a love of vocabulary).
9. Stash books, magazines and reading/writing tools where your children will be. Access = more reading!

Any More Ideas?

10. Be a reading role model.
11. Read comics, jokes, riddles and puns together. Some great humor sites for kids are: jokesbykids.com, buzzle.com/articles/puns-for-kids.html, justriddlesandmore.com/kidsriddles.html
12. Plan a book/magazine swap in your neighborhood or at your school.

Preventing the Summer Slide

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