

Raising Readers: Tips for Parents



Preventing the Summer Slide

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.
6. Kids love series books. Make Arthur, Junie B. Jones, Lemony Snicket, The American Girls, and Greg Heffley (Wimpy Kid), Judy Moody, and Captain Underpants part of your family.

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.



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