

What Parents Can Do at Home to Help Students With Reading

- Be a reading role model – let your child see you read for pleasure and to gain information
- Visit the public library regularly
- Read aloud to your child
- Teach your child to ask questions when reading aloud to your child,
- Encourage your child to practice reading aloud to you with smoothness and expression
- Find opportunities to read everyday tasks, such as:
 - A recipe while cooking
 - Directions to a game
 - Road signs while traveling
 - Grocery labels
 - Newspaper flyers
 - Cereal boxes
- Make sure your child understands the connection between letter and sounds and can use this information to figure out unfamiliar words
- Look for high-interest, easy-reading books if your child is a reluctant reader
- Encourage dads, grandfathers and older brothers to read to and with your child
- Children may enjoy reading joke books, riddles, magazines, and cartoons
- Try the 20-minute miracle
 - Offer your child a small reward for reading 20 minutes a day.
- Don't make it easy to watch TV
- Help reluctant readers get into the reading habit
 - Start small
 - Match a book to your child's interests
 - Ask for suggestions from the librarian or teacher.
 - Think funny. Humorous books make reading fun.
- Help your child make sense of what he/she is reading
 - Discuss unfamiliar words
 - Discuss what the book is about
 - Reread parts of the text
 - Read something else on the same topic
- Start a parent-child book club
 - Parent and child can read the same book
 - Discuss what the book is about
- Make reading an important family activity
- Extend the child's bedtime by 20 minutes to include time for the child to read.