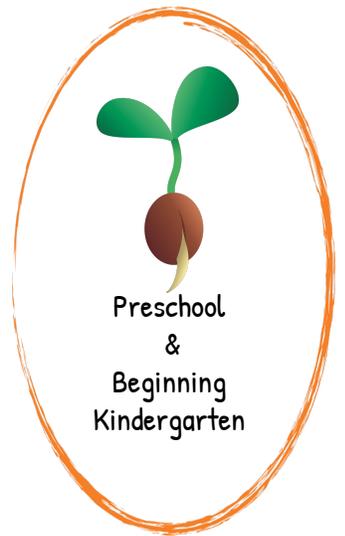




Reading Tips for Home



Read Aloud every day in the language(s) you feel comfortable with.

Have a time for your child to choose books to look at independently at least once per day

Help your child learn the sounds letters make and notice the sounds that make up words.

Reading Aloud

Let your child choose the books.

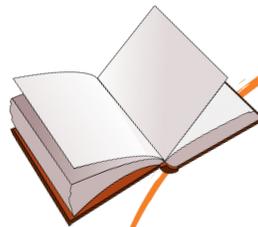
Have fun! If you enjoy it they will too and they'll learn that reading is worth it.

Talk about your thinking, before, during and after reading.

Share your questions and encourage your child to ask questions.

Focus on characters' feelings and choices.

Independent Reading



Encourage your child to re-read and retell books you've read to them.

Ask them to tell you a story from the pictures in a picture book.

Find song books or books without much text that they can read accurately.

Build Skills for Reading



Have your child hold the book and turn the pages.



On books with only a little text help them point to each word as you read.



Teach letter sounds and notice them in books and in the world (start with letters in their name).



Play with rhyming words and brainstorm words with the same first sound.

Reading in Focus: Making Time for Books



Reading can last a lifetime if we make it part of kids lives



Surround them with books: Books where they sleep, books where they play, books in the car, they even make bathtub books!

Don't leave home without 'em: Take a few books with you so that wherever you go so there are always books to look at.

Master the screens: Reading can be exciting but it can't compete with the lure of television and electronic games. Make times of your day when reading is the most interesting choice. Try one of these ideas:



afternoon quiet time: They may have outgrown their afternoon nap but a little quiet time is good for everyone's mental health. Offer your child the choice to read or rest and they just might choose to read!



before lights out: A great time for reading is 15-20 minutes before bed. If you also read aloud before bed, you can still follow it up with some independent reading time. Don't forget the good night kiss at lights out!



family reading time: create a family reading ritual where everyone reads in the same room for 15-20 minutes.

“Make the choice to read easy. Books should be falling into kids laps”

Daniel Willingham

Writing Supports Reading



Make writing tools available so kids don't have to ask to use paper, crayons, felts, and markers (even scissors).

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Name Graffiti Show them how to print their name and then use it to label things around the house, create art with their name, sign their artwork.



Encourage Play Writing Kids feel like writers when they make squiggles that look like writing or strings of alphabet letters. Encourage these early attempts at writing! They are a natural part of learning to write.