



Read
every day.

Read
together.

Make
reading
fun!



10 ways to make reading fun

- 1 Point out words and phrases around you – on cereal boxes, street signs, maps, posters and books.
- 2 Let your children choose books themselves.
- 3 Look for kids' magazines your child will enjoy.
- 4 Read with excitement – use different voices, make puppets, act out the story.
- 5 Give clues about a mystery word you are thinking about. Choose a word related to something you and your child have done together.
- 6 Make cards to play matching games – match letters and words to pictures. Play board games that include making words and reading the words on a card.
- 7 Make your kitchen part of your reading zone. Have fridge magnets available so your kids can start making words and short sentences.
- 8 Encourage relatives and friends to give books as gifts.
- 9 Play memory games. Place objects on the floor, ask your child to look at them for a minute and then cover them. Ask your child to name as many items as possible.
- 10 Read all kinds of materials – stories, poems, newspaper articles, magazines and comics.

English

Français
French

عربي
Arabic

繁體中文
Traditional Chinese

简体中文
Simplified Chinese

فارسی
Farsi

हिन्दी
Hindi

한국어
Korean

Português
Portuguese

ਪੰਜਾਬੀ
Punjabi

Español
Spanish

Tagalog
Tagalog

தமிழ்
Tamil

اردو
Urdu

Tiếng Việt
Vietnamese

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Kindergarten – Grade 3

- 1 Cuddle up and read.** Quiet times together are opportunities to bond . . . and read. Put some excitement into your voice. Encourage your child to read every other page. As you go, explain any new words or ideas.
- 2 Be a reading role model.** When your kids see you reading, they will want to imitate you. It won't be long until they learn that reading is fun, interesting, and a "grown up" thing to do.
- 3 Public libraries today are worlds to explore.** Your library has great resources and terrific in-house programs such as reading circles for little ones and homework clubs for older children.
- 4 Games can be great learning tools.** Board games or card games like word bingo or memory and rhyming cards can be a fun way to learn about words, letter sounds and reading.

Grades 4 – 6

- 1 Keep reading with your child.** Kids are never too old to be read to – or let your kids read to you. Read a variety of material – magazines, newspapers, books, poems and comic books.
- 2 Tap into interests and hobbies.** Kids are more likely to read topics they find really interesting, like sports or crafts. Don't worry if it's a comic book, magazine or an illustrated novel. All reading is good, and tastes will change as they get older.
- 3 Read some of the same books as your child.** Ask your librarian or child's teacher for suggestions. You can have great conversations about the characters, stories or topics.
- 4 Ask your kids to talk to you about what they're reading.** Ask what it's about and what is most enjoyable about the book. Ask your kids to describe it to you.

