

10 THINGS YOU CAN DO to help your child learn to read

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Create a positive reading environment at home.

Be a reader yourself and encourage your child to read for pleasure as well as information.

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Make learning to read part of every day.

Show your child the written words and symbols that are all around us.

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Make reading an activity that you and your child can both enjoy.

Let your child participate in the reading.

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Provide a variety of texts at the level your child can read with you.

Stories, comics, poems, plays, cartoons, reference books, magazines and children's recipe books all help your child to read.

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Re-read books.

Let your child become familiar with the words, the story and the fluency of an adult reader.

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Be confident in your child's abilities and proud of their achievements.

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Don't expect too much too soon. It takes time for children to learn to read so be guided by the pace they set. If your child becomes distressed or loses interest when reading at home, take a break from reading and try again later.

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Work with your child's teacher. Complete home readers and sight words with your child and speak to the teacher if you have any concerns.

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Set aside a special time for reading with your child. Aim for 15 to 25 minutes with no interruptions each day.

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Talk to your child. Engage them in your conversations so they learn new words and ways to express themselves.