



Reading Tips

Math learners are reading students, too! Check out some tips on supporting your elementary reader and developing healthy reading practices at home:

<p>Read a book <i>with</i> a child rather than <i>to</i> a child!</p>	<h2>Active Reading</h2>	<p>Ask open-ended questions. Give feedback to answers.</p>
<p><i>Paint a picture for your reader. Have detailed conversations about the unfamiliar words.</i></p>	<h3>ABC's of Active Reading</h3>	<p>Relate the story to experiences and what kids already know about the world.</p>
<p>For more powerful tips on active reading, check out: https://readcharlotte.org/active-reading/</p>		

<h2>Reading: Better Together</h2>	
<p>✓ Read aloud together</p>	<p>-As often as possible. Share the reading. Take turns with paragraphs/pages. Start small!</p>
<p>✓ Don't skip the pictures</p>	<p>-Illustrations give great clues to what characters are feeling in the story. Talk about them. Make observations and predictions.</p>
<p>✓ Find books with rhyming words and lines</p>	<p>-These patterns in the language help children notice the sounds in words and predict (and eventually recognize) text.</p>
<p>✓ Read with emotion</p>	<p>-Captivate your audience. Help your child understand the emotions in a story (and the plot). Children will mimic this skill; reading with emotion is a part of being a fluent reader.</p>
<p>✓ Set aside a special reading time and reading place</p>	<p>-Make it a part of the normal daily schedule so children see reading as valued and a priority.</p>

<h2>Other Ways to Support Your Child's Literacy Journey</h2>	
<p>Reading isn't just books! Open up the wonderful world of reading for your child and support them in a variety of ways that are sure to keep them interested, excited and engaged!</p>	
<p>Read more on the following five ideas from Scholastic: 5 Reading Tips for Parents to Keep Kids Engaged</p>	
<p>1. "Just Right" Books</p>	<p>2. Card Tricks!</p>
<p>3. Picture This</p>	<p>5. Become a Fan</p>
<p>4. Last Comic Standing</p>	

<h2>Reading Reminders</h2>	
<p>❖ <i>Inspire a love of reading</i></p>	<p>-Make sure children know reading is more than just a grade! Make connections to real-world outcomes. Let them see meaning in what they're doing and reading. (For example, writing a letter to their favorite athlete.)</p>
<p>❖ <i>Let children read books that interest them</i></p>	<p>-Try not to discourage children from reading books they are naturally interested in.</p>
<p>❖ <i>Have your child be the teacher</i></p>	<p>-If your child has a younger sibling at home, have him/her read simple books with them and feel success as a reader.</p>