**15 Ways to Raise a Reader**
1. **Read to your child every day.**  Even older children enjoy listening to others read.
2. *Make reading time special*.  Cuddle up in a quiet, comfortable spot.
3. Make stories come alive when you read.  *Be animated, using different voices.*  Read favorite stories over and over again.
4. Make sure your child reads for 10-15 minutes **each day**, either to you or independently.
5. Be a good *role model* and read as well.  It gives you a chance to relax and enjoy yourself too!  It also shows your child reading is a great source of information and fun.
6. Be patient when your child struggles.  Let them take their time while reading aloud, offering assistance only when needed.
7. Encourage your older children to read to their younger siblings.
8*. Set reading goals for your child*, such as a certain number of books or chapters within a specific time frame.  Reward your child with praise and a small prize for meeting each goal.
9. Bring along books for your child wherever you go.
10. Visit the library.
11. Find books & magazines that tie in with your child's interests.
12. If your child lacks self-confidence, choose books several grade levels below your child's grade.  If a book is too challenging, your child may get frustrated and give up.
13. Check out children's *audio books* from the library and play them for your child while in the car.
14. Help your child to realize reading is everywhere: cereal boxes, signs, books, music, cookbooks, menus, maps, directions, phonebooks.
**15. Show your child how books can take them to magical places and have lots of fun and excitement!**