

Reading Suggestions to Make Reading Fun

One of the most important things you can do to help your child be successful this year and in the future is to encourage reading. Students who read for pleasure and discuss what they are reading learn to love reading and are able to apply what they know to their school work.

First and foremost, modeling reading behavior is very important. When your child sees that his/her parents read, whether for work or pleasure, he/she is more likely to read.

Some suggestions you can use to make your home a “Reading Home.”

- Have an inviting area for you and your child to read in.
- Read aloud to your child, young and old, every day.
- Alternate who reads with your child so both male and female family members are seen as readers.
- Read and write often for real purposes to serve as a model for your child.
- Read a novel to your child on long car trips or listen to books-on-tape during a ride.
- Encourage your child to select books by interest and not only by reading level. Children who are interested in a particular topic may enjoy a book on that subject that they might otherwise consider too easy or too difficult.
- Discuss books with your child.
- Encourage your child to write in a journal or diary.
- Anything your child reads is valuable. This includes magazines, newspapers, comic books, websites, picture books and even their morning cereal box.