

Make Reading a Habit at Home

"Few children learn to love books by themselves. Someone has to lure them into the wonderful world of the written word: someone has to show them the way" Orville Prescott

1. **Set aside a reading time and place.** It be before bedtime or after homework.
2. **Read together!**
3. **Involve and engage listeners.** Before you read, point to the book's title , author and illustrator. Ask listeners, "What do they think the story is going to be about?" As you read, you can ask your family members what they think will happen next. Be sure to engage listeners with exciting voices!
4. **Fill your home with reading materials!**
5. **Get caught reading yourself.** When your children see you reading, they will be inspired to read also.
6. **Older siblings read to younger siblings.** By reading to a younger sibling, the reader will gain confidence.
7. **Listen to your child read.** This can be a special time together. Have students read to you while you make dinner or read to their pets or stuffed friends! Any time spent reading aloud is beneficial!
8. **Read aloud together.** This can help your child enjoy reading and become more confident about his/her reading. They need to hear a fluent model of our language.
9. **Keep favorite books around.** It can be comforting for a new reader to build confidence and fluency by practicing when re-reading a favorite book.
10. **Think 'aloud' while reading.** "I wonder why the three bears thought someone had been in their house?"
11. **Turn on captions!** When watching a movie, turn on captions so they can see the words in print.

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