

Strategy #1

Talk to your child, a lot!

Hearing new words at home helps kids learn to read, write, and speak those words! When using harder words at home, have your child use clues to guess what those new words mean!



Strategy #2

Read to your child at home!

Students can take home library books that you may read together. You can also use your local public library to find good books.

Block off a fifteen or twenty minute time each day that you and your child stop everything and just read together.



Strategy #3

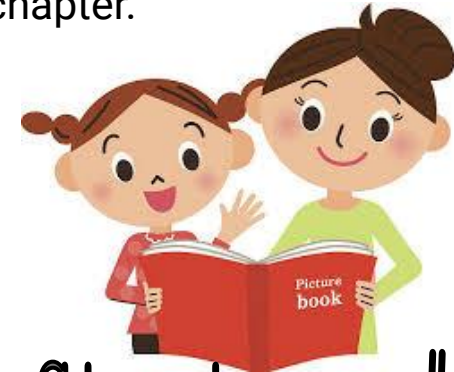
Before reading...

- Talk about the title of the book
- Talk about the author and illustrator
- Look at cover pictures
- Ask your child to guess, or predict what the story will be about based on the title and picture clues

Strategy #4

Listen to your child read!

Have your child take turns reading aloud with you. You can show how to read the first page, then ask your child to read the next sentence or paragraph. Older children may want to read the next page or chapter.



Strategy #5

Ask your child questions during and after reading. Do they understand? After every couple of pages, stop reading and ask your child a question about the story! Show your child how to find the answer in the story, and show them how to reread when they don't understand.



Strategy #6

Tell stories to your child, and have your child tell you stories! Ask your child to tell you the story of their day. Ask them what happened at the beginning, the middle, and the end. Tell your child stories from your life that have a beginning, middle, and end. Ask your child questions during and after the story to check that they understood what you have told them.



Strategy #7

Ask your child to write! Ask your child to write about their day. Daily journals can include things your child wants to remember, funny stories, or their future plans. Encourage your child to show their feelings when they write!

Why does it matter?

Research has shown...

- Reading at home helps your child better learn ALL subjects!
- Reading at home helps your child become more successful as an adult.
- Students who are poor readers in third grade are **FOUR TIMES** more likely to drop out of high school than stronger readers.
- Reading helps grow a child's curiosity, memory, and motivation!
- Reading at home is **so important!**

Helping Your Child Read



Do you want your child to be a great reader? Here's how you can help at home!

