

HOW PARENTS CAN HELP THEIR CHILDREN BE GOOD READERS

- ♣ Find time to read, anywhere and anytime. Read labels in the grocery store, road signs when in the car, books in the library, recipes while making dinner. The more times your children practice reading, the better they'll get.
- ♣ Set aside a special time for reading. Take at least 10-15 minutes a night to read a favorite story. Give your children a place to keep their own books so that they can find one anytime they want to read.
- ♣ Listen to your children read. When they don't know a word, help them look it up in the dictionary.
- ♣ Look at and talk about your children's schoolwork.
- ♣ Go to the library. Get a library card and check out books or read there with your children. Try to find topics that interest you both and then quiz each other later on what you learned!
- ♣ Subscribe to a children's magazine (in the child's name).
- ♣ Let your children help you prepare dinner. Help them follow the recipe, and encourage them to measure (gives a chance to talk about fractions, measurement, following directions).
- ♣ Give your children books as gifts. Build a home library.
- ♣ Keep a dictionary and other reference books handy- use them yourself and encourage your children to use them too.
- ♣ Establish a regular morning and evening routine. Set aside a half-hour of quiet time before bed, so your children can unwind. Then read, sing, or talk to them before they go to bed.