



Strategies for Helping Your Child Become a Reader

1. Have daily conversations with your child that include plenty of two-way interaction.
2. Keep a variety of printed materials and writing materials in your home.
3. Set up a special reading and writing space for your child.
4. Let your child see you read and write.
5. Make reading with your child a daily habit and pleasurable experience.
6. Call your child's attention to reading and writing in everyday activities – for example, in grocery lists, on road signs, or on maps that you look at before going places.
7. Make a message board to let your children know the plans for the day.
8. Encourage your child to “read” and enjoy all the ways your child tries out reading.
9. Display your child's writing, posting it at his or her eye level and for others to see.
10. Make a bank or file of words your child likes to write.
11. Go to the library with your child.
12. Use television and technology wisely and keep the focus on active learning.