

Useful Websites for Additional Tips

1. www.davisonschools.org
-Parents tab
-Reading Matters tab
2. www.pbs.org/launchingreaders
3. <http://www.ed.gov/parents/read/resources/readingtips>
4. www.nifl.gov
5. <http://www.nncc.org>
6. Reading Rockets



Additional Tips

1. Visit the library.
2. Go to the bookstore and spend some time in the children's section. Make this a special event.
3. Encourage your child to read every day!
4. Listen to your child read aloud. Do they read with fluency and expression?
5. Discuss books together, share what you're reading.
6. Ask your child questions about what they're reading:
 - What is your favorite part?
 - Who are the characters?
 - What is the problem?
 - How is the problem resolved?
 - What have you learned?
 - Can you connect the story to your own experiences in life?



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GROW A READER! Parent Tips and Ideas for Helping Your Child Become a Successful Reader! 3-5



20 Minutes Before Bed Gets Your Child Ahead!!

Every Minute Counts

More Minutes = More Success

Reading every night makes a huge difference in your child's ability to be a successful reader!

For example, 20 minutes per night 5 days per week =

- 100 minutes per week,
- 400 minutes per month,
- 3,600 additional minutes of reading per school year.

20 Minutes before bed really gets your child ahead!



Family Reading Time

- Create family reading time by setting up special places and times to read!
- Make reading a part of your every day routine. Children who see reading in the home know it is important!



“Just Right” Books

In order for your child to improve as a reader they must pick “just right” books. These are books that your child:



- is interested in reading.
- has some background knowledge about (schema).
- reads with fluency and expression.
- understands the meaning; they “get it”.

Follow the 5 Finger Rule = the book is too hard if there are 5 or more unknown words on the first page.

Encourage Variety

All reading counts! These include: mystery, fantasy, realistic fiction, historical fiction, biography, nonfiction (animals, space, weather), newspapers, recipes, magazines, fairy tales, folk tales and more.



Reading Strategies

Encourage your child to use these reading strategies:

- **Predicting:** Use the title, topic and pictures to predict what will happen in the story.
- **Visualization:** Picture the story in their mind.
- **Questioning:** Ask questions and answer them as they read.
- **Summarizing:** Retell the story, including the characters, setting, plot, problem and solution.
- **Inference:** Draw conclusions from clues left by the author.
- **Context Clues:** Use the context of the paragraph to figure out unknown words.
- **Re-Read:** When having difficulty read the sentence and paragraph again to clarify understanding.

