

Tips/Strategies for Reading at Home




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WHY READ 20 MINUTES AT HOME?

| Student A Reads | Student B Reads | Student C Reads |
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| 20 minutes per day | 5 minutes per day | 1 minute per day |
| 3,600 minutes per school year | 900 minutes per school year | 180 minutes per school year |
| 1,800,000 words per year | 282,000 words per year | 8,000 words per year |
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| Scores in the 90th percentile on standardized tests. | Scores in the 50th percentile on standardized tests. | Scores in the 10th percentile on standardized tests. |

If a student starts reading for 20 minutes per night in Kindergarten, by the end of 6th grade, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 school days, and Student C will have read for 3.

What strategies can I use to read daily with my child?

- Read a bedtime story. Have your child pick their favorite book. Read as a family. Look at the pictures on each page. Talk about what is happening. Ask your child to point out specific words or pictures.
- Have your child read to you and ask them question after reading.
- Read a page and have your child read a page. Talk about what you read.
- For older kids: Have your child pick their favorite book and have a family book club. Everyone reads the book on their own and then shares their favorite part, what they liked the most, what made them think....
- What other ideas have you used at home?

What other ways can I promote literacy at home?

- Read a bedtime story. Have your child pick their favorite book. Read as a family.
- Make a shopping list. Have your child read the list as you find the items in the store.
- Have your child read food labels of items in your kitchen.
- Write down a recipe for your child's favorite food, then read it together as you make the recipe.
- Play a game and have your child read the directions.
- Making Words- Write sight words in sand, rice, sugar, or salt.
- Flyswatter words- post words on a wall or refrigerator and have your child swat the words.

