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

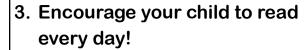


Additional Tips

1. Visit the library.

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2. Go to the bookstore and spend some time in the children's section. Make this a special



- 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 <u>places</u> and <u>times</u> 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.