

HELPING YOUR CHILD WITH READING AT HOME

1. READ WHAT WE'RE READING

- Read the book with your child.
- Ask your child to retell the story.



2. ASK QUESTIONS

- Ask questions before, during, and after your child reads.
- Ask open-ended questions about the story.

3. READ ALOUD TO YOUR CHILD

- Even 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders love being read to.
- This can build their oral comprehension skills.

4. HAVE YOUR CHILD READ ALOUD TO YOU

- Try this on a short 15-minute drive.
- This can improve their fluency and expression.



5. HAVE YOUR CHILD READ EVERYTHING

- Recipes and instruction booklets are a good choice.
- This can expose your child to new vocabulary words.

6. LET THEM LISTEN TO AUDIOBOOKS

- These encourage visualization and imagination.
- Look online and at the library for free audio books.

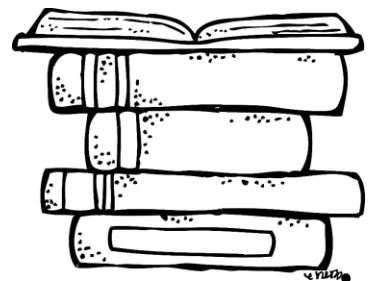


7. SET ASIDE TIME TO READ EACH DAY

- Carve out at least 15 non-negotiable minutes and make it a family event.

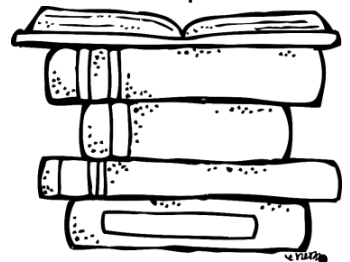
TALKING ABOUT **Fiction** BOOKS

- »» Tell me about what you read.
- »» Who are the main characters? Tell me about them.
- »» Where does the story take place?
- »» What has happened so far?
- »» What is the most important or most interesting event in the story?
- »» What is the problem in the story? How is it solved?
- »» What do you think will happen next? Why do you think that?
- »» What is/was your favorite part of the story?
- »» What surprised you, made you laugh, or made you sad?
- »» What does the story remind you of?
- »» Would you recommend this book to a friend? Why or why not?
- »» What made you choose this book?



TALKING ABOUT **NonFiction** BOOKS

- »» Tell me about what you read.
- »» What do you already know about this topic?
- »» What details have you learned that surprised you?
- »» What new information have you learned?
- »» What is this page/section about?
- »» What do the illustrations teach you about the topic?
- »» What is the author trying to tell you about this topic?
- »» Look at this heading. What do you think you will learn in this section?
- »» What do you still want to know about this topic?
- »» What made you choose this book?



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