 **TIPS FOR AT-HOME READING**

For many students, finding time and space to read at home can be hard! How can we support our children by creating a lifelong love of learning and reading? How can we spend time together as a family engaging in reading activities? How can it help our student’s social and emotional growth and well-being by exploring issues and talking about difficult topics through other people or characters?

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| **Practice Good Habits*** Positively model being a reader.
* Have lots of reading materials at home.
* Provide time and opportunities to read.
* Be mindful of screen time (computer, phone, video games, etc.).
* Take a trip to the library or visit online: <https://library.nashville.org>
* Help your student choose his/her own books.
* Look for reading materials related to your family history or culture.
* If your student is bilingual, encourage reading in both languages.
* Use the Closed Caption option on your TV.
* Talk to your student’s teachers or librarians about reading and books options.
* If your student has difficulty reading, talk to his/her teacher immediately.

**Talk Together**    **Questions to Ask About Literature*** What happened?
	+ What makes you think that?
	+ How do you know?
* Make a prediction. What do you think will happen next?
* What was your favorite part or character? Why?
* If you could change a part, what would you change and why?
* Why is the title a good one for this story?
* What words (or pictures) in the story stood out to you? Why? What do you think \_\_\_ meant?

 **Questions to Ask About Informational Texts*** What is this text about?
* What do you think the author wanted you to

learn about this topic?* What is the main idea of this text?
 | **Read Together** **Read/Watch at Home*** Picture Book
* Novel
* News article
* Magazine
* Comic
* Recipe
* Movie
* TV Show
* Blog

 **How to Engage Children in Reading*** Setup a cozy, quiet, and inviting space
* Younger students: take turns reading aloud: child reads to adult, adult reads to child, siblings read to each other
* Older students: read silently near each other

**Do Tasks Together****Fun Things to Do After Reading*** Discuss the text.
* Retell the story.
* Draw a picture related to the text.
* Write a different ending or continue the story.
* Write a letter or postcard to the author.
* Research more about the topics.
* Make a list of Fun Facts or “Did you know?" cards.
* Create a collage to represent your favorite character.
* Act out a scene from the book or turn the book into a TV episode.
* Create a blog review of the book.
* Join a book club (like [ProjectLit)](https://twitter.com/ProjectLITComm) to discuss with peers.
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