 **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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