

Parents

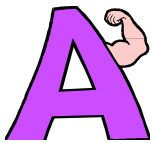
You are your child's first and best teacher.



Literacy (speaking, listening, reading and writing) must first begin in the home.



Read to your child; let your child read by him/herself.



Create an environment in your home for reading.

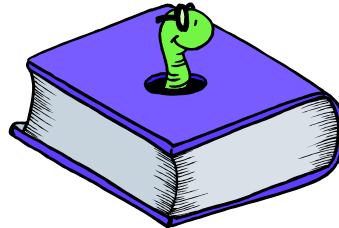


Be proactive: request or start a literacy program in your community.

Find free books via the website www.readinga-z.com.

Ask your child's physician for old books and magazines and subscribe to the daily newspaper.

Visit the library and get a library card for yourself and your children.



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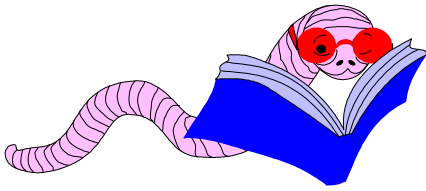
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PARENT LITERACY GUIDE

A Parent's Guide to Help Your Child Read



READ!
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READ TO:

Reading to your child is one of the most effective literacy activities that you can provide.

- ✚ Make it a habit to read to your child every day. Have a set time each day to read.
- ✚ Choose books that are age appropriate with colors, pictures, rhymes, animals and problem solving.
- ✚ Find free books on the web www.readinga-z.com.
- ✚ Need Help? Participate in "Story Time" at the local library.

READ!!!

READ WITH:

Reading with your child creates a dynamic interaction between the listener, the reader, and the text.

- ✚ Creates a bond with parent and child.
- ✚ Increases communication.
- ✚ Builds listening skills, vocabulary, memory and language skills.
- ✚ Shows your child the correct way to pronounce words and to read with expression.
- ✚ Motivates the child when he or she selects the book.

READ BY:

After you read to and with children, they should read by themselves with self-selected texts at their reading level.

- ✚ Letting the child choose the text provides motivation.
- ✚ Letting the child read by him/herself builds confidence.
- ✚ Letting the child read alone helps the child to apply knowledge learned from reading to and reading with.
- ✚ The more you read, the better you get at it; the better you get at it, the more you like it; and the more you like it, the more you do it. The more you read the more you know, and the more you know, the smarter you grow.

