

Reading Ideas for Parents

Start a Book Club

Find a group of kids from the neighborhood, school, or church to do a book club with you and your child.

Have a meeting to select your first book and then set times to meet up again. Include food and games to keep the kids interested.

Visit the Library Together

Don't just let the library experience happen at school. Go with your child to the library, pick out books together and some for you too.

Get in a habit together and be the leading example with your enthusiasm for reading and learning.

Make it a Privilege!

Bribe your child to do reading with a incentive like, "You can stay up 15 minutes later tonight if you'll read."

Staying up late is enticing to a lot of kids and makes them feel a little more grown up. Offer to stay in with them and read or let them do it on their own.

Record a Story!

Get silly with your child and take turns reading stories together while recording it.

Work on your character voices and then listen to them together again later in the week.

Books as a Souvenir

Instead of loading up on toys and gadgets from your trips together, stop by a local bookstore and hunt together for a book.

After making the purchase, write an inscription inside reminding your child of the trip you took together.

Make it More Fun!

- Get crazy finger covers that you can find at a costume store (like a witches finger) to encourage your child to put their finger to the page and read.
- Find a special flashlight that fits just on the tip of their finger and show them how to use it to read in the dark.
- Have them call a favorite family member on the phone and read to them.
- Start writing letters back and forth between you and your child and read them out loud to each other. Find a pen pal to write to instead!

Read Anything & Everything

- Newspapers
- Signs as you travel
- Comic books
- Grocery Lists
- Directions for games
- Emails
- Facebook posts
- Twitter updates
- Cereal boxes
- Magazines
- Baseball cards/trade cards
- Recipes

Don't Nag!

As much as you want your child to read, the more you nag, the less likely it is they'll do it. Instead of begging them, try leading by example with a daily routine.

Even if they don't read the first few weeks, they will cave in and read eventually. Don't nag and don't give in too easily to complaints.

Just Do It!



Daily Routine

Make it a daily habit for reading to happen. Every night choose a time that all electronics get turned off and the entire family reads either together or in their rooms until bedtime.