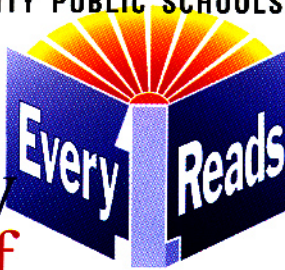


Make literacy a part of your family routine!



Here are some quick and easy ways to boost your child's reading and writing skills:

- ✓ Label items in your child's bedroom and in the kitchen. Point to the word. Spell it out.
- ✓ Read signs together in the car as you travel with your child.
- ✓ Encourage your child to read in stores.
- ✓ Ask your son or daughter to write out the grocery list as you go through the refrigerator and cabinets.
- ✓ Participate in reading rituals with your child—from reading aloud at bedtime to making weekly trips to the library.
- ✓ Encourage your child to think of ideas before writing.
- ✓ Suggest ways for your child to organize ideas.
- ✓ Keep books in the car. Reading could help calm your child if you're stuck in a traffic jam.
- ✓ Encourage your child to check grammar and spelling. Offer to read over his or her work.
- ✓ Make time to listen to your child read.
- ✓ Be a role model. Let your child see you reading every day.
- ✓ Provide a variety of reading materials for your family.

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