

TIPS FOR READING AS A FAMILY

1. Read out loud. Ask kids to read a book to an adult every day. Encourage them to read as though they're talking to someone.
2. Adults and older siblings should read, too. They can read more difficult books to younger children.
3. Visit the library. Show kids how to sign up for their own library card and help them check out a variety of books, including nonfiction.
4. Talk about what you're reading. While reading together, stop and talk about the book. Ask questions like:
 - ◆ What is the author telling us?
 - ◆ What do you think will happen next?
5. Read anything and everything. Encourage kids to read whatever they can – ingredients from their favorite snacks, a map, mail, or recipes.
6. Write a book. Kids can become an author as they write about a favorite animal, character, or any other subject.
7. Read and compare. Read several books about the same topic. Talk about the similarities and differences between the books.
8. Ask for proof. When talking about a book, ask for evidence:
 - ◆ Which sentence tells us that?
 - ◆ What do you see in the picture to make you think that?
9. Encourage kids to use one new vocabulary word each day from a book they have read.
10. Be a role model. Read when you're around kids to show them how much fun it can be!

