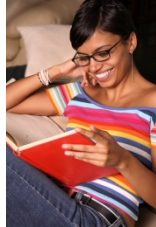


10 THINGS YOU CAN DO TO help your child learn to read



1. Create a positive reading environment at home. Be a reader yourself and encourage your child to read for pleasure.



2. Make learning to read part of every day. Show your child the written words and symbols that are all around us.



3. Make reading an activity that you and your child enjoy. Let your child 'help' you read their favourite books.



4. Provide a variety of texts at the level your child can read with you. Stories, comics, poems, magazines, recipe books.



5. Re-read books. Let your child become familiar with words, the story & the fluency of an adult reader.

6. Be confident in your child's abilities and celebrate their achievements.



7. Don't expect too much too soon. It takes time for children to learn to read. If your child becomes distressed or loses interest, take a break from reading and try again later.



8. Work with your child's teacher. Complete take-home books and sight words with your child and speak to the teacher if you have any concerns.

9. Set aside a special time for reading with your child. Aim for 15-25 minutes every day. Have them read to you and you read to them.



10. Talk to your child. Engage them in conversations so they learn new words and ways to express themselves.

