

Why Read Aloud?

Reinforces correct grammar usage

Enlarges vocabulary and background of information

Arouses the desire to learn to read

Develops the desire to learn to read

Initiates a curiosity about books

Nurtures a feeling of shared experiences

Guides children in the proper use and handling of books

Allows the child to develop a taste for good books

Lends opportunities for challenges and information

Offers opportunities for modeling and enjoyment

Utilizes and strengthens listening skills

Demonstrates that print can be meaningful

What Can We Do? Ways Parents Can Support Their Child at Home and at School

- Praise your child daily for specific accomplishments.
- Take your child to the library, to community activities, and to museums.
- Set limits on TV-watching. Be selective about what your child views.
- Label the belongings your child take to school
- Ask to see your child's schoolwork.
- Establish rules, routines, and chores at home.
- Create a special area for library books and homework. Teach your child to check this area as he or she leaves for school.
- Provide a quiet, well-lighted place where your child can study.
- Keep your child healthy by taking him or her for regular checkups, keeping immunizations current, providing a balanced diet, and making sure he or she gets regular exercise.
- Read to your child and encourage him or her to read to you. Be a reading role model by letting your child see you read.
- Notify your child's teacher of any medical concerns.
- Keep your child at home if he or she has a fever, a rash, a sore throat, an earache, an active cold or whenever you feel that things are not right with your child.