

Read to Your Child Everyday

Name _____

I will _____
to help my child be a good reader.

6th Sunday

A child's reading skills are important to their success in school and work. In addition, reading can be a fun and imaginative activity for a child, opening doors to all kinds of new worlds. Good reading skills enable your child to be a good writer as well.

It is important to read and tell stories to your children from birth and tell stories up through school age, even when they can read on their own.

Studies show the most important factors enabling children to become readers are:

- ★ Exposure to books, stories, and literature from infancy.
- ★ Awareness of print around them (cereal boxes, store signs, freeway signs, etc.).
- ★ Time to enjoy books by themselves.

- ★ Parents/adults who read and value reading.
- ★ Rich and varied experiences (visits to the zoo, aquarium, museums, fairs, etc.).
- ★ Awareness of letters, words, labels, and letter sounds in real-life contexts – as you sing, as you tell stories, as you interact daily.



- ★ Regular visits to the public library.
- ★ Accessible books that interest children.



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