



HELPING YOUR CHILD GROW A LOVE OF READING AT HOME

A Family Guide for Elementary Readers

Reading at home doesn't have to feel like homework. The most important thing you can do is help your child see reading as enjoyable, meaningful, and part of everyday life.

What Really Helps Children Become Readers

Children are more likely to read when they:

- ✓ Feel safe and confident
- ✓ Get to choose what they read
- ✓ See reading modeled by the adults in their lives
- ✓ Associate reading with positive moments



SIMPLE WAYS TO SUPPORT READING AT HOME

Let Your Child Choose

Choice builds motivation.

It's okay if they prefer:

- ✓ Series books
- ✓ Comics or graphic novels
- ✓ Magazines
- ✓ Audiobooks

It's also okay to stop reading a book that doesn't feel right.

All reading counts.

Read Together—Even as Kids Get Older

- ✓ Read aloud to your child
 - ✓ Take turns reading pages
 - ✓ Listen to audiobooks together
 - ✓ Talk about funny, surprising, or exciting parts
- Reading together builds confidence and connection.

Make Reading Part of Everyday Life

- ✓ Let your child see you read (books, recipes, directions, messages)
- ✓ Talk about what you're reading and why you like it
- ✓ Keep books in places your child can easily reach

You don't need long reading sessions—short, consistent moments matter.

Talk About Books

Try simple questions like:

- ✓ "What was your favorite part?"
- ✓ "Which character did you like best?"
- ✓ "Would you recommend this book to someone else?"

There are no right or wrong answers.

Use Your Library

- ✓ Libraries offer free books, audiobooks, and programs
- ✓ Librarians love helping children find books they'll enjoy
- ✓ Ask about series or books similar to ones your child already likes



A Final Thought:

The goal is not more reading—it's happier reading.
When children enjoy reading, they naturally want to do more of it.
Thank you for supporting your child's reading journey.

