

READ, SING, TALK, PLAY...A FAMILY AFFAIR!

READING TIPS FOR FLUENT READERS

Each child is different in terms of when they become a fluent reader. Fluent readers read the way they talk. They recognize words automatically, use expression, pause when they should, etc. Being a fluent reader helps children cope with the reading demands of the junior grades and grades beyond.

- Continue to read to your child as this will expose them to new vocabulary and phrases. Stop and explain the meaning of words and phrases which are not familiar to them.
- Help your child choose books within their reading level. Not only is it important that they can read the words in a book but also that it is within their comprehension level. Reading for meaning is important at this stage.
- Your child will get better at reading for meaning if you get them to think about what they read. You can do this by asking questions about the story. Some of these questions may be about details, i.e., What was the name of the character? etc. Other questions may get them thinking, i.e., What did you like about the story?, etc. Get them thinking on a higher level by asking them to compare, contrast, summarize, evaluate, etc.
- Encourage your child to read a variety of reading material, i.e., newspapers, internet articles, magazines, encyclopedias, comics, etc.



Most of all, fit reading into your daily routine. Not only will this introduce reading as an important life skill, but also will allow you to spend some quality time together. Your child may now want to read to themselves. Share a couch while you each read your own material.