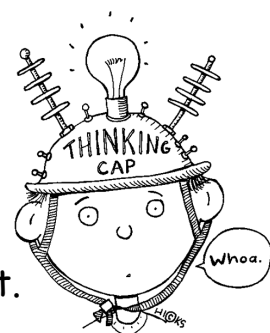




## Reading Tips for Parents

One of the most important things parents can do, other than to help their children grow up healthy and happy, is to help them develop strong reading skills. How well a child learns to read directly affects not only how well they perform in school but also how successful they are throughout their lives.

- Establish a daily routine that includes a time to read together.
- Don't be afraid to have your child read the same material repeatedly and often, especially if they like it. Repetition is essential to achieving fluency.
- After your child has stopped to correct a word, have him/her go back and reread the entire sentence to make sure he/she understands what the sentence is saying.
- Involve your child in predicting words and phrases in the story as you read aloud. Let your child fill in the blank.
- As your child reads, point out spelling patterns such as cat, pat, hat.
- Include your child in day-to-day reading experiences. Share newspapers, magazines, cereal boxes, road signs, video game instructions, etc. Our world is full of things to read if we are aware of our surroundings.
- Keep paper and pencil on hand to give your child opportunities to write. Help him/her to write letters to friends and family, keep a journal of special events and new experiences.



### Great book picks:

- *Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse* by Kevin Henkes
- Dr. Seuss books
- Shel Silverstein
- *Junie B. Jones* series by Barbara Parks
- *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day* by Judith Viorst
- *Corduroy* by Don Freeman
- FOR MORE ADVANCED READERS—*Magic Tree House* series & the non-fiction companion series *MTH Research Guides*
- *A to Z Mysteries* series