

Not sure what to read? Check these out:



"Kidsreads is the best place on the web for kids to find info about their favorite books, series and authors. Reviews of the newest titles, interviews with the coolest authors and special features on great books are our specialties."

READKIDDOREAD.com

James Patterson's website dedicated to making kids readers for Life!



Bookwink.com

Connecting kids in Grades 3 through 8 with books that will make them excited about reading.



READING rockets.com

Offers information and resources on how young kids learn to read, why so many struggle, and how caring adults can help.



"Engaging students in reading is not just about finding a book that the student will like..but more about providing a total 'Reading Culture' which says "Reading is cool..reading is about enhancing the choices you have in life. Reading is less about marks in any one subject, and more about the degree to which you can be engaged in the broader experiences of what it is to be human being participating in the world around you." (Archimede Fusillo)

Engaging Readers

Suggestions and Resources
to Encourage Independent Reading

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Tips for Parents:

- Have children choose their own books along with parent choices.
- Match children's interest with books
- Ask friends, family, teachers, and librarians for suggestions - try a book swap.
- Allow children to reread a favorite again and again even if you think they have outgrown it. Rereading promotes fluency.
- Look for books to read aloud that you enjoy and have fun. Your joy of reading will be contagious!
- Read widely from a variety of children's books.



How to Nurture a Growing Reader

1. Read with your child everyday.
2. Make sure they have plenty to read. Take them to the library regularly...
3. Notice what interests your child and help them find books about those things
4. Respect your child's choices. There's nothing wrong with series fiction if that's what keeps a young reader turning the pages.
5. Praise your child's effort and newly acquired skills.
6. Help your child build a personal library. Children's books, new or used, make great gifts and appropriate rewards for reading.
7. Check up on your child's progress. Listen to them read aloud, read what they write and ask teachers how they're doing in school.
8. Go places and do things with your child to build background knowledge and vocabulary and to give a basis for understanding.
9. Tell stories. It's a fun way to teach values, pass on family history and build your child's listening and thinking skills.
10. Be a reading role model. Let your children see you read, and share some interesting things with them that you have read in books, newspapers and magazines.
11. Continue reading aloud to older children even after they have learned to read by themselves.
12. Encourage writing along with reading. Ask children to sign their artwork, add to your shopping list, take messages and make their own books and cards as gifts.

Source: Helping Your Children Become Better Readers
Brochure from RIF/VISA

Older Readers

How to Pick a

Just Right Book

Ask yourself some questions.

- Is there a series I'd like to read?
- What topic interests me?
- What authors interest me?

Preview the book.

- Read the cover.
- Read the blurb.
- Read the Table of Contents
- Look at the illustrations

Use the "Five Finger Rule."

- Open to any page in the book.
- Make a fist and put a finger up for each word you don't know.
- Read to the bottom of the page or until 5 fingers go up.
 - 0 - too easy
 - 1,2,3 - just right
 - 4,5 - too challenging, choose again

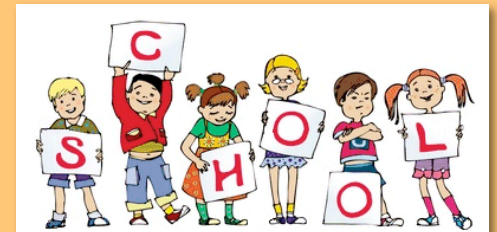


Fluency is the ability to read with speed, accuracy and expression.

Fluency is important because it provides a bridge between word recognition and comprehension.

Ways to develop fluency:

- Model Fluent Reading
 - Read Aloud
 - Books on tape
 - Paired reading
- Practice
 - Repeated readings
 - Reader's Theater - oral performance of a text



<http://www.mtlakes.org/ww/lib/ReadingLinks.htm>