



Reading at Home

Parents and families play an important role in helping students become successful readers.

The Benefits of Reading at Home With My Child

There are many benefits to reading **regularly** and **consistently** at home with your child including boosting academic performance, enhancing brain development, building stronger bonds, and developing a lifelong love of reading.

Boosting Academic Performance

Reading at home regularly and consistently with your child will increase your child's vocabulary, comprehension, and fluency to provide a strong foundation in reading for academic success in all subjects.

Enhancing Brain Development

Reading at home regularly and consistently with your child will help to promote critical thinking and language skills. Reading enhances oral language development which is critical for reading comprehension.

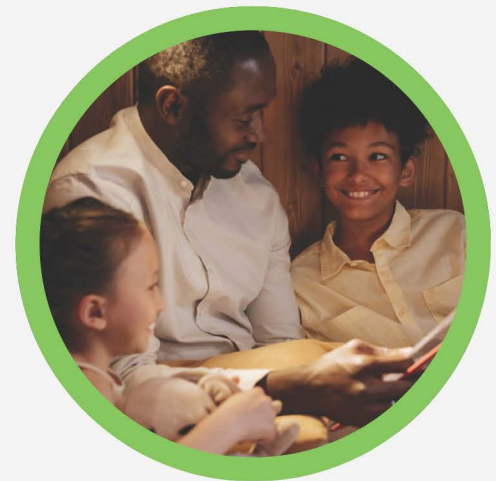
Building Stronger Bonds

Reading at home regularly and consistently with your child fosters emotional connections and strengthens relationships through shared experiences and discussions.

Developing a Lifelong Love of Reading

Reading at home regularly and consistently with your child opens a world of imagination and curiosity. Reading books together and understanding stories will give your child a sense of accomplishment.

Children who are read to at home have a significant advantage in learning how to read.



Reading for **20 minutes a night** can expose your child to approximately **1.8 million words** per year.





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There are many ways that parents and families can support reading regularly and consistently at home.

Helpful Hints for Reading At Home

- Read aloud to your child. Using special voices and expression will make it fun and engaging
- Let your child participate by choosing books, turning pages, and reading to you (as they become more proficient in reading)
- Discuss the story by asking questions about the characters, setting, plot, or pictures
- Turn on the closed captioning when you are watching television or movies
- Read to your child in a language that you enjoy
- Read a variety of books, magazines, articles, and poetry that are age-appropriate
- Look for words outside of your home such as signs or menus
- Celebrate when you finish reading a book, learn a new word, or visit the library

Resources for Parents and Families

- <https://nsla.nv.gov/find-a-library-directory>
- <https://teachingbooks.net>
- <https://storylineonline.net>
- <https://www.readingrockets.org/literacy-home>

Creating a Reading Routine

- Set a time to read together daily
- Be consistent
- Encourage everyone to participate
- Limit distractions during reading together
- Go to the public library together or checkout books online



Creating a Reading Environment

- Designate a special spot for reading together
- Put books in places where your child will have access to them before, during, and after reading together
- Make it special by using cozy blankets, pillows, lighting, or snacks