



Partners in Learning

Why should kids read at home?

Practice makes perfect! If students start reading, or being read to, for 20 minutes every night beginning in kindergarten, by the end of Grade 6, they will have spent the equivalent of 60 school days involved in reading activities! All of that reading practice not only improves their reading skills but also encourages a love of reading and literature. On the other hand, students who read significantly less are at a disadvantage. The best way to become a capable reader is to simply read!

What can you do when reading is hard?

It is important for your child to have access to books that are a “good fit.” This means that:

- Your child has a purpose for reading the book;
- The book matches your child’s interests;
- He or she knows most of the words; and
- He or she can understand and retell the story.



Try to help your child see reading as an enjoyable activity. He or she could read to a pet or stuffed animal, or in a favourite spot. Regular visits to the library to choose new books and participate in library programs can also add excitement to reading.

Continue to read aloud to your child, even after he or she can read independently. Listening to stories read aloud gives your child access to more complex literature. He or she will enjoy the benefits of sharing time together.

Be an example! Let your child see you enjoy reading, and build some reading time into your daily routine.



The more kids read, the more they will improve. Your support and encouragement are key factors in your child’s success in reading!