

At Home Reading Success

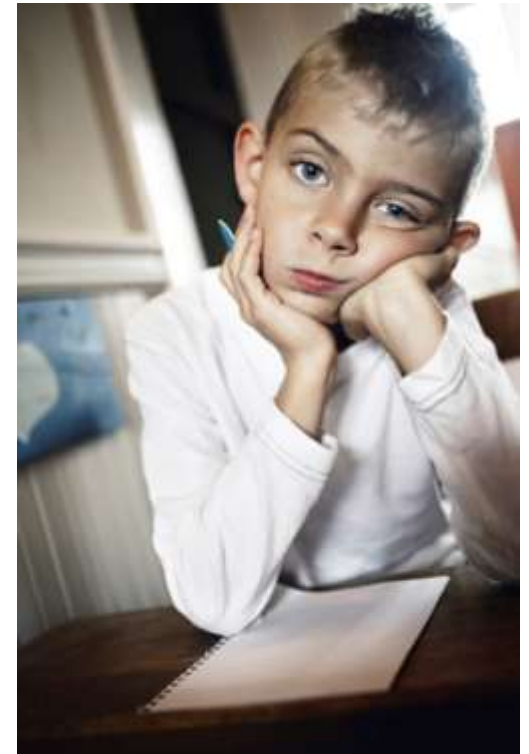
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My Child Doesn't Like to Read

- Most children are reluctant to read for two reasons:
 - They struggle with one or more aspects of reading
 - They find reading boring



Why is Reading at Home Important?

- Not Reading is detrimental to success across the board. Here are two very big reasons:

- Vocabulary

- Background Knowledge



Motivation

- Internal motivation is key
- There is no “magic motivator”
- Pressure does not equal success
- A greater sense of control for the child will equal a greater sense of accomplishment
- Individual children will be motivated by different things, parents must experiment to find what works, be creative



Struggling Readers



- For students that have trouble with the process of reading
 - Go over the reading materials (pre-view)
 - Alternate reading pages with your child
 - Model how you “sound out” or “chunk” challenging words
 - Talk about words and letters in a natural way
 - Act out the story before or after reading
 - Use different voices

Family Tips

- **Read Aloud to Your Child**
- Model Reading
- Designate Family Reading Time
- Read Recipes while You Cook or Bake
- Read to Your Child While they do the Dishes
- Limit TV and Video Games
- Set Family Goals and Give Family Activity Incentives
- Share books you loved as a child
- Take books to appointments or anywhere you know you will have to wait.



Individual Child Tips

- Don't Limit Reading to Books
 - Comics
 - Poetry
 - Cartoons
 - Magazines
 - Movie Reviews
 - Backs of DVDs
- Find Your Child's Individual Interests
 - **Try a Series or Favorite Author**
 - Silly Books
 - Classics
 - Sports Section



Technology Ideas

- Read interests and articles on the internet
- Audio Books on tape, CD, or MP3
- Compare Books to Movies
- Research Information for an Upcoming Family Trip
- Watch “Closed Caption” TV
- Write/Type their own autobiography
Make it into a book they can read



Research



- “An analysis of a national data set of nearly 100,000 United States school children found that access to printed materials-and not poverty-is the “critical variable affecting reading acquisition.”

-Jeff McQuillan

The Literary Crisis: False Claims, Real Solutions



“I Wonder” Discussions

What do you wonder after reading this?

Great discussions

- create more interests
- make children more confident and opinionated
- lead to positive feelings
- lead to intrinsic motivation
- support critical thinking
- Lead to deeper understanding and reflection

What is the Goal?

“There is more to life than increasing it’s speed.”
–Gandhi

The reading model you establish should promote
a lifelong love of reading



The most important thing you can do is show
your child how much **YOU** value reading

Resources

- <http://literacytoolbox.wordpress.com>
- <http://www.suite101.com>
- <http://howtodothings.com>
- <http://homeedmag.com>
- <http://squidoo.com/getkidsreading>