

Parent Checklist

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Literacy Resource Kit for Parents.*

As a parent, you are your child's first and most important teacher. Your home is where your child first experiences books, and where your child sees you as a model for reading behaviors. You can use your time at home together to show your children how much you value reading!

As you know, reading with your child is the best way to help them succeed in school. The checklist below suggests ways to help you create a home that supports learning through reading.

Reading at Home	Already do this!	I'll try it!
I read to my child almost every day (even older children like to be read to).		
I read to my child in my native language.		
If I am not comfortable reading books in English, I can still use the pictures to tell the story.		
I talk to my child about what we are reading.		
I ask questions about what we are reading.		
We compare what we are reading about to what is happening in my child's world.		
I take my child to the library.		
My child has books at home that were borrowed from the library or bought from new or used bookstores.		
My child has some easy books at home that he can read by himself.		
My child has some difficult books at home that I help her read.		
My child has some books at home about things that interest him.		
My child sees me read (newspapers, magazines, books, labels, signs, etc.) every day.		
I talk to my child about what we see in our life; at stores, on the bus, at home, etc.		
I tell stories to my child; and sometimes he tells me stories.		
My child has access to paper and crayons or markers for writing and drawing.		
There is a time each day when the TV is turned off so that my child can read or draw.		

