



# Reading Tips

**Math learners are reading students, too! Check out some tips on supporting your elementary reader and developing healthy reading practices at home:**

<p>Read a book <i>with</i> a child rather than <i>to</i> a child!</p>	<h2>Active Reading</h2>	<p><i>Ask open-ended questions. Give feedback to answers.</i></p>
<p><i>Paint a picture for your reader. Have detailed conversations about the unfamiliar words.</i></p>	<h3>ABC's of Active Reading</h3>	<p><i>Relate the story to experiences and what kids already know about the world.</i></p>
<p>For more powerful tips on active reading, check out: <a href="https://readcharlotte.org/active-reading/">https://readcharlotte.org/active-reading/</a></p>		

## Reading: Better Together

- ✓ **Read aloud together**  
-As often as possible. Share the reading. Take turns with paragraphs/pages. Start small!
- ✓ **Don't skip the pictures**  
-Illustrations give great clues to what characters are feeling in the story. Talk about them. Make observations and predictions.
- ✓ **Find books with rhyming words and lines**  
-These patterns in the language help children notice the sounds in words and predict (and eventually recognize) text.
- ✓ **Read with emotion**  
-Captivate your audience. Help your child understand the emotions in a story (and the plot). Children will mimic this skill; reading with emotion is a part of being a fluent reader.
- ✓ **Set aside a special reading time and reading place**  
-Make it a part of the normal daily schedule so children see reading as valued and a priority.

## Other Ways to Support Your Child's Literacy Journey

Reading isn't just books! Open up the wonderful world of reading for your child and support them in a variety of ways that are sure to keep them interested, excited and engaged!

Read more on the following five ideas from Scholastic: [5 Reading Tips for Parents to Keep Kids Engaged](#)

1. "Just Right" Books
2. Card Tricks!
3. Picture This
4. Last Comic Standing
5. Become a Fan

## Reading Reminders

- ❖ **Inspire a love of reading**  
-Make sure children know reading is more than just a grade! Make connections to real-world outcomes. Let them see meaning in what they're doing and reading. (For example, writing a letter to their favorite athlete.)
- ❖ **Let children read books that interest them**  
-Try not to discourage children from reading books they are naturally interested in.
- ❖ **Have your child be the teacher**  
-If your child has a younger sibling at home, have him/her read simple books with them and feel success as a reader.