

PARENT *Strategies for Improving Reading Skills at Any Grade Level*

The following suggestions will help your child to increase his/her understanding of reading and help develop confidence in the learning process. Choose 2 or 3 of the following strategies that you are not already doing and work on them throughout the year and during the summer months.

- ✓ Read orally to your child (short stories, poems, news articles, recipes, etc.)
- ✓ Model good reading skills in the home by reading in front of your child
- ✓ Provide a consistent daily study period without distractions
- ✓ Monitor daily and weekly assignments
- ✓ Read a story and have your child predict what will happen
- ✓ Read a story and have your child change the ending
- ✓ Read a story and make up a sequel
- ✓ Make use of Scholastic Reading Counts quizzes
- ✓ Use books and follow-along recordings
- ✓ Have your child write about a family event and then read it back to an adult
- ✓ Visit the public library frequently
- ✓ Join public library summer programs
- ✓ Provide opportunities for your child to attend theater performances, musicals, IMAX, etc.
- ✓ Follow up on enrichment activities with additional materials
- ✓ Compare/contrast movies and videos with previously read books
- ✓ Limit TV/video games
- ✓ Encourage your child to keep a journal (travel, family events, feelings)
- ✓ Provide high interest literature, including magazines
- ✓ Encourage letter-writing, pen pals, and thank you notes
- ✓ Provide reference materials and activities that encourage your child to use reference skills
- ✓ Discuss literature with your child, asking higher-level questions
- ✓ Monitor your child's reading by asking literal questions
- ✓ Monitor your child's reading by asking them to make inferences or draw conclusions
- ✓ Monitor your child's reading by asking critical questions
- ✓ Discuss and encourage addition of words to your child's vocabulary
- ✓ Provide vocabulary skills materials such as vocabulary workbooks, crossword puzzles, word games, etc.

The Independent School District of Boise, Idaho has wonderful parent resources and recommended reading lists available. Please keep in mind that these lists are only a recommendation and that the final decision about what content, subject matter, and reading level is appropriate for your child is up to you.

Ideas for Parents:

<http://pageforparents.org/ol/deliver.php?subscriberID=W1480&contentType=ideasForParents>

Recommended Lists:

http://www.boiseschools.org/curriculum/la_supplement/lists.html