

TIPS TO INSPIRE READING AT HOME

Summer is the perfect time for your child to practice and build upon reading skills learned during the school year. Encourage and value reading in your home with these tips for talking about books together.



Value CHOICE in reading!

Readers develop a love of reading by choosing books that interest them. They can choose to read a book with easier content and words, or try something more challenging. Ask your reader why they chose a particular book and why they think they will enjoy reading it.

Value TIME for reading!

Reading achievement is a result of reading regularly for longer times. Ask your reader to help you develop an at-home reading plan that fits reading time into your weekly schedule.

Value SPACE for reading!

Ask your reader to help you find, design or decorate a comfy and quiet place to read.

Value YOUR reading!

Show your own enthusiasm for reading. Let your reader see you reading often, and talk together about what you are reading, too.

Value SHARED reading!

Read aloud to your reader or ask them to read to you. Use Booksource's Summer Reading Activity Sheet to talk about the books you've both read and complete title-related activities together.

Value RIGHTS in reading!

Readers can choose not to read a book or not to finish a book. Ask your reader to talk about the books they choose not to read or choose not to finish.

Value VARIETY in reading!

Your reader may choose comic books, magazines, graphic novels, wordless books or poetry. Ask your reader to share why they enjoy reading this type of book, and describe how it is different from other types of books.

Value LEARNING from reading!

Books have the power to teach new information about places, people, and experiences that differ from our own. Ask your reader to talk with you about something they learned from their book.

Value GOALS in reading!

Ask your reader to help plan goals for both their reading and your reading. Encourage them to track reading minutes with Booksource's Summer Reading Log. Be a reading role model by using a Summer Reading Log to track your own reading, too.