

Literacy Tips for Parents:

1. Model good reading habits by reading to or alongside your child, parents set the stage for children to become better readers.
2. Encourage your child to read new and challenging books, articles and magazines.
3. Establish a daily reading routine.
4. Encourage reading, writing and discussions among family members.
5. Be positive when talking with your child about their reading ability and skills.
6. The love of reading begins at home. Create a “home library” for your family to access.
7. Limit TV viewing by controlling the amount of time spent watching television.
8. Play word games with your child.
9. Expose children to different kinds of books, including novels, biographies and informational texts on interesting subjects.
10. Visit your local public library and help your child get a library card of their very own.
11. Take books in the car to read, rather than watching a DVD.
12. Download free books at <http://store.scholastic.com/microsite/storia/home>
13. Create a “reading nook” in your home where your child can read.
14. Comment on new words your child hears on the radio or TV.
15. Play rhyming games during a car trip.
16. Select a “word of the day” to add to your child’s growing vocabulary.
17. Write out opposite words on pieces of paper and have your child match them together.
18. Make up a story by having each family member add a sentence.
19. Make additional reading time and/or an extra bedtime story a reward for good behavior.
20. Encourage your child to write a book about his or her day.
21. Help your child read the labels on different bottles and containers, including the shampoo and conditioner bottles at bath time.
22. Play the “I Spy” game, looking for uppercase and lowercase letters.
23. While playing outside, encourage your child to create their name out of sticks, stones and other materials.
24. Help your child label artwork with his or her name and age.
25. Before a family dinner, encourage your child to create place settings with first and last names.
26. Clifford the Big Red Dog says “Read Every Day, Lead a Better Life.”