

1. Read, read, read with your child. Talk with your child about the story/article you are reading. Ask questions about the main idea, the details that support the main idea, the characters, the setting, the plot. Talk about words your child doesn't know and how to figure those words out in the context.
2. Be certain that your child has a full grasp of the sight words needed to read fluently. You can find the Dolch list and Fry word list with a google search for them.
3. Expose your child to as many different topics as possible. Much of the necessary information for reading comprehension is about background knowledge. The more diverse their knowledge is, the more prepared they will be to read new things.

Some sites to help with that are: (Please remember that these still need a parent/guardian to oversee use of the internet for appropriateness.)

- <https://wonderopolis.org/>
 - <https://mysterydoug.com/>
 - <https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/>
 - <https://coolmomtech.com/2015/09/the-kid-should-see-this-website-of-cool-videos-for-kids/>
 - <https://www.howstuffworks.com/>
 - <https://www.nasa.gov/stem>
4. Talk to each other! Write stories together. Engage with language. How your family interacts with language, written and spoken, can have an impact on your child's proficiency in reading and writing. Use "the big words" when you speak to your child and encourage them to use strong vocabulary too. Have a game night that is centered around language. You can do things like telling a progressive story. One person would start the story and then stop after a few sentences. The next person picks up the story from there and continues. You keep taking turns through the family until the story comes to an end. When you finish, help your child write the story out and retell the story in print.
 5. There are also some skill based websites that offer free and/or paid family subscriptions that can help. Here are a few:
 - <https://www.ixl.com/membership/family/pricing>
 - <https://www.starfall.com/h/index-grades123.php>
 - <https://www.lexiaforhome.com/>
 - <https://www.edmentum.com/products/study-island>
 6. If your student will log into the Wonders reading program we use for reading instruction, there is a "Home Resources" tab at the top. This will outline what your student is learning each week and give you tips on supporting the specific skills that we are focusing on that week at school.