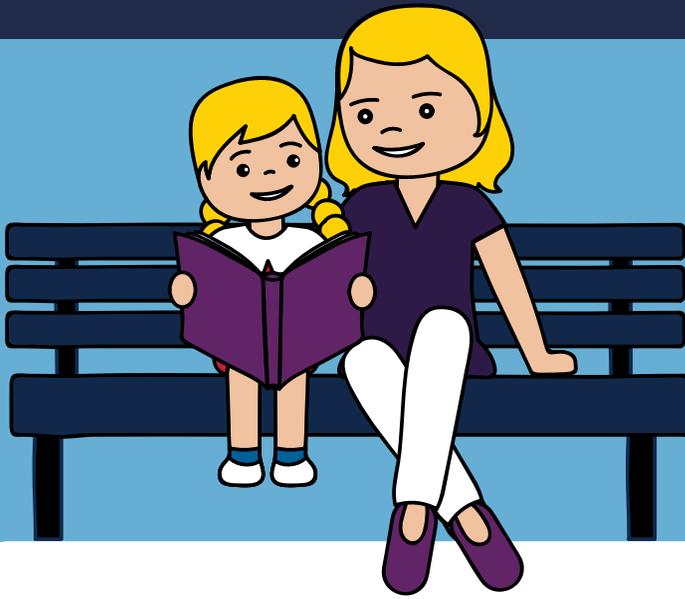


STRONG READERS = STRONG LEADERS!



When students are strong readers, they're prepared for success in school and in life. Parents are key partners in supporting reading success and it's important for families to get involved—and stay involved—in helping their child become a strong reader.

There are multiple ways to support your child's reading outside of the classroom. Here are our top 10 tips to make reading at home effective and fun!

1

READ SOMETHING EVERY DAY

Reading together for 20 minutes each day can help your child read on grade level.

2

TALK ABOUT LETTERS AND SOUNDS

Help your child learn the names of each letter and the sounds each one makes.

3

CHOOSE THE RIGHT BOOKS

Make sure the books your child is reading match their interests and are at just the right level—not too hard and not too easy.

4

MAKE SURE BOOKS ARE AROUND

Your child will be more likely to read if books are easy to find at home. Keep books readily available in the kitchen, car, and other locations where your child spends time.

5

TALK TO YOUR CHILD

Use every opportunity—like trips to the grocery store, dinnertime, and driving in the car—to introduce new words and help your child practice his or her speaking skills.

6

HAVE FUN WITH RHYMES AND TONGUE TWISTERS

Sing rhyming songs, read rhyming books, and practice tongue twisters with your child. This helps them learn new sounds in words.

7

HAVE YOUR CHILD WRITE

Writing grocery lists, notes, or letters helps children connect spoken words to written words.

8

ASK YOUR CHILD QUESTIONS ABOUT WHAT THEY READ

Talking about the words in the book helps them to understand what they are reading.

9

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF HELP OUT THERE

Ask your child's teacher or school librarian for help selecting books for your child. Visit the library for books, events, and programs like reading clubs.

10

READ OVER THE SUMMER AND DURING SCHOOL BREAKS

Creating a plan to spend quality time reading over the summer and during school breaks can help prevent children from falling behind and ensure they're ready to return to school.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Check out book lists, for children of all ages, at readingrockets.org/books/summer.

Sign up for weekly text messages with reading tips, in English or Spanish, at startwithabook.org/sms.

Learn about the Literacy-Based Promotion Act and early literacy in Mississippi at StrongReadersMS.com.

