



## Reading with Your Child Ideas for Reading with your Student

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Kindergartener:

- *Encourage your student to describe pictures and use the pictures to retell the story*
- *Allow them to pick out words that they know*
- *Ask questions about the story and allow your student enough "think" time to answer*
- *Show interest in your student's reactions to stories by commenting on what they say or by asking questions based on their reactions*
- *Have a variety of reading materials available throughout the house.*



First Grader:

- Have them point to the title, title page, spine, call number, barcode, author and illustrator
- Ask them to do a short "commercial" about the story when you have finished (include the main character and events)
- Ask how they might end the story differently
- Find out if they would have made the same choice as the main character and, if not, how and why their choice would be different
- What was their favorite and/or least favorite part of the story and why
- Make reading a fun and special time for you and your student



Second Grader

- Allow your Second Grader to choose the book or topic
- One way to get your student to read is for them to see you reading
- Allow your student to read a recipe as you cook
- Allow your student to read the comics
- Discuss a story with your student by asking them open-ended questions such as: What did you like/not like about the main character?; do any of the characters remind you of anyone you know?; have you ever had a problem like the character?; how would you have solved the problem differently than the main character?



Third & Fourth Grader:

- Have a variety of reading materials around the house
- Discuss the setting, characters, problem, resolution, etc.
- Set aside a special time for your family to read
- Have your student discuss or write about the story from a different point of view other than that of the main character
- Read out loud to your student