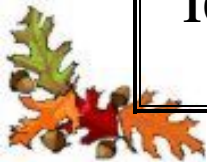




Parent Resource Newsletter

10 Ways to Steal 15 Minutes of Reading Time A Day



You don't need tons of time or lots of books to have a daily family reading time. Here are some painless ways to make time to read together.

1. **License to Read:** On car trips, make it a game to point out and read vanity plates, license plates from different states, billboards, and interesting road signs.
2. **Better than TV:** Read a good action story or tale of adventure to replace an evening TV program.
3. **Look and Listen:** Too tired to read aloud? Many children's books are available on tape. By listening to a story and turning the pages together, you'll still be reading with your child.
4. **Labels, Labels, Labels:** Go around your child's room to name the objects there. As your child names each object, write it on a stick-on label and affix the label to the object. You can read the labels aloud and add new items each time you play this game.
5. **Pack a Snack. Pack a Book:** When you're going someplace with your child where there might be a long wait--such as the doctor's office or an airline terminal--bring a book bag of favorite books.
6. **Recipe for Reading Ingredients:** All that's needed are your favorite recipes, a pack of index cards, and one child. Jot down recipes on the cards, then read the ingredients with your child as you both prepare a meal.
7. **Shop and Read:** Read aloud signs and labels in the supermarket. Encourage your child to help you clip coupons from the newspaper. Putting away groceries is another great way to foster reading and classification skills.
8. **Phone Home:** Work the night shift or can't get away from the office? Keep a few children's books at work. Instead of a coffee break, call home and use this opportunity to read to your child.
9. **Reading Pockets:** Slip interesting reading materials into your pockets to bring home from work or shopping. It might be a story or comic strip clipped from the newspaper, a brochure, a button with a slogan, a greeting card, even a fortune cookie from lunch. Let your child know when there's something to share in your reading pocket.
10. **A Little Longer:** When your child asks to stay up a little longer, the answer is yes! This is a made-to-order 15-minute family reading opportunity.

Resource: National Family Reading Week, 1995

WHAT PARENTS CAN DO Helping Your Child Succeed in School

Make Your Home Book-Friendly

Make a special place at home for reading. Spend regular time with your child in the reading space.

- Find a well-lit, quiet corner with comfortable seating or set aside a regular time at the kitchen table.
- Work with your child to come up with a name for the library and make signs and bookmarks.
- Always keep writing materials (paper, pens, pencils, markers, crayons) available within easy reach.
- Invite special guests like family members and friends as guest readers of your child's favorite book or have them bring their favorite childhood book to read.
- Stock the library with a range of books your child will enjoy.

TITLE I Fall Family Math Night Held

On Nov 4th of this month, our Title I staff from each of our school buildings held a district-wide **Title I Fall Family Math Night; "Everybody Counts"**. We had a good turnout, with about 120 people gathering together for the Title I event.

First families were treated to a pizza dinner. Then students and parents broke into K-5 Grade Level stations where they were given take home packets of math games and activities from our Math Course of Study; *"Investigations in Number, Data and Space"*. Each student also received a surprise in their bag of a pencil, bookmark, shaped erasers and sharpeners. Parents also had the opportunity to listen to speaker Lori Slattery and join in a group discussion regarding our Math Course of Study.

Families took their chances on raffle drawings of McDonalds, Dairy Queen, Family Video, Subway, and Kent Plaza Theater certificates plus many more exciting giveaways.

We hope all who attended enjoyed our Title I event. The Title I staff enjoyed meeting with Title I students and their families and having the time to share strategies that help continue your student's growing understanding of Math. We want to **THANK** all of you for giving up time out of your busy schedules to attend this event and make learning your #1 priority.

