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Reading with your child

Top Ten Tips for Parents / Guardians

Infants to 2 nd Class	3 rd and 4 th Class	5 th and 6 th Class
Reading	Reading	Reading
1. Read to your child as	1. Continue to read to	1. Encourage your child to
often as you can	your child every day.	visit the local library as
2. Talk about books /	2. Read some of the books	often as possible.
characters / plots	your child enjoys so you	Recognise and praise
Enrol your child in the	can discuss it with	your child's efforts in
local library	him/her.	reading.
Provide a good role	3. Encourage your child to	3. Ensure your child has
model by reading	read to younger	access to a wide range of
yourself / other family	brothers/ sisters.	reading material –
members	4. Ensure that your child	newspapers, magazines,
Keep audio tapes of	knows that you value	guides etc.
familiar stories to play	and enjoy reading	4. Take an interest in
in the car	yourself.	different children's
6. Vary the type of books	5. Make sure there is a	authors.
read – stories / poems	wide variety of reading	5. Discuss ideas and points
/ information	material in your home –	of view proposed by
7. Accept your child's	newspapers,	newspaper articles etc.
efforts with praise	magazines, information,	6. Provide a well lit study /
8. Concentrate on what	cookery books etc.	reading area.
he /she got right	6. Enrol and encourage	7. Ensure that you value and
9. Make reading	your child to visit the	enjoy reading yourself.
together enjoyable	local library once a	8. Allow your child to
10. Take part in school	week	choose his /her own
based initiatives like	7. Discuss favourite	reading material.
'Shared Reading'	authors.	9. Encourage your child to
	8. Encourage your child to	read for information –
	read articles / headlines	timetables / weather
	in newspapers.	forecasts / menus
	9. Encourage your child to	10. Encourage your child to
	guess unknown words.	try and guess unknown
	10. Take part in school	words.
	based initiatives like	
	'Shared Reading'	