



Ten Top Tips

How to help your child succeed as a reader - and a writer.

1. Fiction, non-fiction, picture or activity books – discover what motivates your child to read.
2. Try to read to your child every day.
3. The more animated you are when you read, the more your child will follow the story. Be silly. Use an accent. *It's showtime!*
4. Set aside a special time for you and your child to read together.
5. Expand your child's interests. Introduce different topics, genres and authors.
6. Satisfy your child's curiosity. Answer their questions. Look in information books if you need to.
7. Never stop reading aloud. Even when your child has mastered reading on their own, they will still benefit from more complex stories and the sound of your voice.
8. Make sure reading isn't just a passive activity. Join in the fun and watch what happens!
9. Encourage your child to end their day reading their favourite book. Borrow books from the local Library: it's free!
10. Own books. A child should have his/her own library (whatever size).