

7 Fun Ways to Celebrate National Reading Month! Edited from Learning A-Z 3/16/2020

Reading is an adventure! March is National Reading Month, a great chance to remember how exciting and magical reading can be.

1. **Travel With Your Mind**
Reading can transport you instantly, from wherever you may be to wherever you can imagine. Try using reading to launch exciting adventures and explore the world. Allow everyone to close their eyes and randomly choose a spot on a map or globe, and then read about that place! Or read stories about explorers, travelers, adventurers, survivors, researchers, and pioneers.
2. **Pick Fun Topics**
Children can choose the subjects that interest them. It can be whatever they find fascinating: otters, dinosaurs, rocks, rainbows, anything. Then read books, stories, and articles related to the topic, and have fun with topic-related activities!
3. **Go Through Your Books**
Read whatever looks interesting to you as you go along! You’ll all be surprised what fascinating things you’ll uncover.
4. **Read Aloud**
Even if it’s only for 15 minutes each day, choose a book and read it aloud! Reading aloud develops fundamental reading skills, promotes social interactions, and improves vocabulary, word recognition, listening comprehension, and cognitive development.
5. **Try Reading Rewards**
Everybody appreciates incentives. What’s better than a prize for a job well done? Rewards for your childrens’ reading accomplishments can be anything from a pizza dinner or anything else your children would enjoy.
6. **Read Something You Love**
Ask your children to tell you their favorite books: maybe their favorite choice from this month or this year, or maybe their favorite book of all time. Then use National Reading Month to share and read everyone’s favorite stories!

The importance of reading extends far beyond educational development. Reading improves memory, increases cognitive function, builds empathy, lowers stress, and promotes positive mental health. Enjoy all the benefits of reading during National Reading Month and throughout the year!

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