



Reading Tips for 6th Graders

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- Be a role model. Let your child see you reading. Choose a short, high-interest newspaper or magazine article. Read the piece aloud with your child, and discuss it.
- When you see your child reading a book or story for homework or pleasure, ask him/her to summarize it for you.
- Get hooked on comics. Choose four or five newspaper comics to read together regularly.
- Ask your child to write thank-you notes and friendly letters. Proofread and edit them together.
- Make predictions as you watch TV together.
- Ensure that your child has a library card and makes regular trips to the library.
- Build on your child's attention span by encouraging him/her to read silently for increased periods of time.
- Encourage your son or daughter to keep a journal or diary about significant events and activities that are important to him/her (sporting, social, church, or school.)

Reading Essential Skills Your Child Should Know

- Expand vocabulary in reading, writing, and speaking.
- Determine appropriate meanings of words.
- Read and comprehend fiction and nonfiction.
- Use story structures and literary elements (setting, characters, plot, and resolution).
- Make inferences, predictions, and generalizations
- Identify and use the eight parts of speech (noun, verb, adjective, adverb, preposition, pronoun, conjunction, and interjection).
- Use commas appropriately in lists, quotations, and addresses.
- Use apostrophes correctly in possessive forms (i.e., the teacher's class) and contractions (i.e., you're instead of your for you are).
- Master commonly misspelled words.
- Identify characteristics of various genres (contemporary realistic fiction, historical fiction, nonfiction, modern fantasy, poetry, drama, fairy tales, myths, and legends).



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