Reading Tips for Parents

Teach Phonemic Awareness

Young children don't hear the sounds within words. Thus, they hear "dog," but not the "duh"-"aw"- "guh." To become readers, they have to learn to hear these sounds (or phonemes). Play language games with your child. For instance, say a word, perhaps her name, and then change it by one phoneme: Jen-Pen, Jen-Hen, Jen-Men. Or, just break a word apart: chair... ch-ch-ch-air. Follow this link to learn more about language development milestones in children.

Listen To Your Child Read

When your child starts bringing books home from school, have her read to you. If it doesn't sound good (mistakes, choppy reading), have her read it again. Or read it to her, and then have her try to read it herself. Studies show that this kind of repeated oral reading makes students better readers, even when it is done at home.



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Teach Phonics (letter names and sounds)

You can't sound out words or write them without knowing the letter sounds.There are hundreds of products available to help parents teach phonics including ABC books, charts, cards, blocks, magnet letters, floor mats, puzzles, and programs for tablets and computers. You don't need all of that (a pencil and paper are sufficient)! Keep the lessons brief and fun, no more than 5–10 minutes for young'uns. Understanding the different developmental stages of reading and writing skills will help to guide your lessons and expectations.

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