

Multilingual Reading Strategies for the Home

*Below are some ideas to help your child with their reading at home. It is important to know that your child can practice these reading strategies using books in ANY language!

1. Help your child choose the right book

-Help your child choose books that are interesting to them and that are easy to read.

-Anyone can get a library card! Use the public library and ask your librarian for help.

-Remember that bilingual books or books in many languages are also available!

-Ask your school EL teacher or classroom teacher for recommendations!

2. Interactive Reading

-Both the parent and the student should actively engage throughout the reading of the book.

-Pause and talk with your child at key points and ask questions about what is happening in the book, what you see in the illustrations, what the characters are thinking, predictions about what might happen, life lessons to learn, etc.

-Picture walk through the book before reading.

3. Questioning

After reading the story, ask questions such as:

-Who are the characters?

-What is the setting?

-What is the problem in the story?

-What is the solution?

-Plot: What happens in the beginning, middle, and end?

-What would you do if you were the main character?

Discuss with your child in any language!