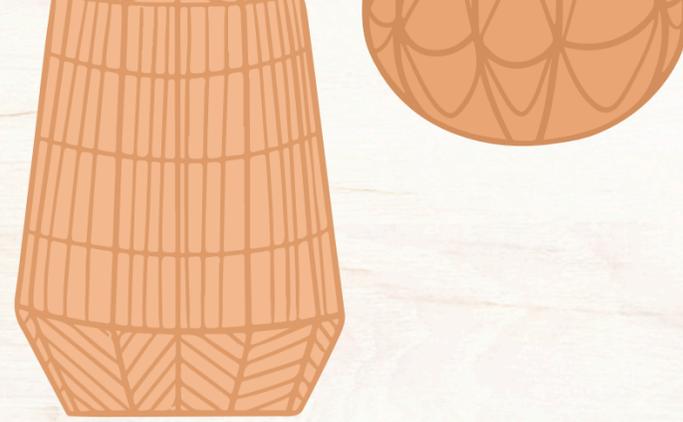


Welcome!

March 11, 2025

Roxbury Parent Literacy Night

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Goals of our Event

- Understand the importance of literacy at home
- Learn fun ways to read and write with your children
- Explore and take home ready-to-use ideas and activities



Benefits of Reading

Why is reading at home so important?

Children with access to 25 books at home complete an average of 2 more years of school than children from homes without any books.



Kids 4-5 years old gain 6 months of reading ability by being read to 3 to 5 times per week.



Reading is a critical skill for succeeding in most school subjects.



A child spends 900 hours a year in school and 7800 hours at home.



Research shows that just 20 minutes a day spent reading with a child helps them develop critical reading skills.



Learn more:

smartreading.org/parent-resources



More Benefits of Reading



37.4% of individuals with low literacy-engagement levels experience low mental health, while only 11.8% experience good mental health. (high literacy = 39.4% with good mental health)



Children who are read to at least three times a week by a family member are almost twice as likely to score in the top 25% in reading compared to children who are read to less than 3 times a week



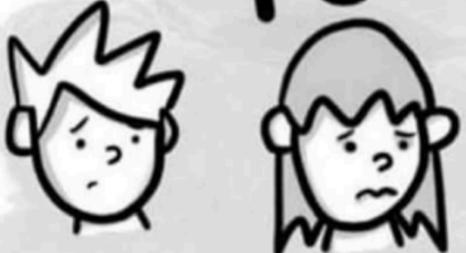
One in six children who are not reading proficiently in the third grade does not graduate from high school on time, a rate four times greater than that for proficient readers. (rate is higher in children from low-income families)



Benefits of Reading Aloud

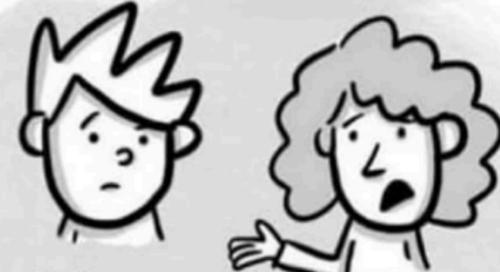


READING ALOUD to Kids...

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BUILDS EMPATHY
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CREATES A LIFELONG LOVE OF READING
- 

IMPROVES LANGUAGE AND LISTENING SKILLS
- 

FACILITATES IMPORTANT AND/OR DIFFICULT CONVERSATIONS
- 

ACTIVATES AND EMPOWERS IMAGINATION
- 

IS FUN!

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What IS reading?



ALL READING COUNTS.

- Graphic novels
- Audiobooks
- Magazines
- Read alouds
- Movie captions
- The back of the cereal box

WE ARE TEACHERS



Supporting Your Young Reader

Ages 0-4



Read together every day! Bedtime books are a perfect way to create routine and a love of reading.



Read words at the store, on signs, online, when driving or walking...everywhere!



Talk about how much you love reading, too!



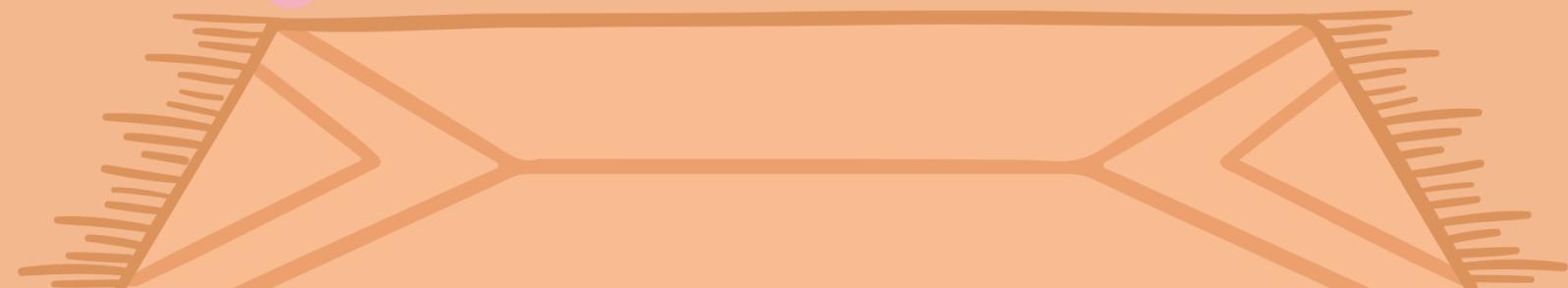
Tell the pediatrician of concerns about vision, hearing, speaking and/or understanding.



Sing songs and listen to music.



Talk about letters and sounds, including lowercase letters.



Supporting your Lower Elementary Reader

Ages 5-8

Talk about letters, sounds, rhymes and words and play games together.

Talk all about their day and ask specific questions (What did you read? What did you write? What was surprising?) to get them talking.

Read, read, read! Take turns reading pages with your child. Have them read recipes, signs, directions, information and stories.

Be patient, gently correct their reading, and talk all about what they read. Show that reading is a fun activity and not just for homework.

Reading and writing are the KEY to learning and communicating!



Supporting your Upper Elementary Reader

Ages 9-12

Have your child read aloud what they have written at school or home to you. Be an active listener!

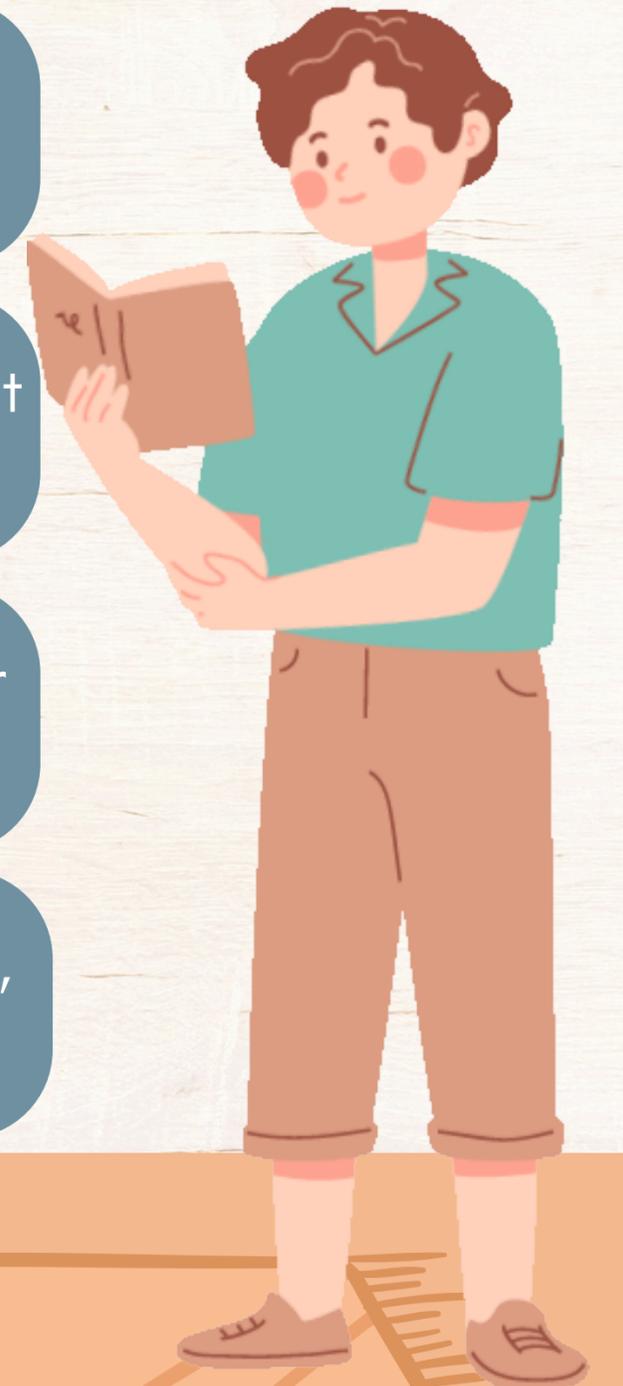
Read many types of books and encourage your child to try new books and to read more and more! Series are good to help them read a lot!

Play word games together like Boggle, Scrabble or online games like Words with Friends.

Make fun challenges for the Lincoln Roosevelt Spelling Bee!

They're never too old to read aloud to you or to listen to you read aloud.

Write things as a family: recipes, post cards, letters, memories, shopping lists, wish lists



Visit the Roxbury Public Library



www.roxburylibrary.org
103 Main Street Succasunna, NJ

Story time and other fun kids' activities
Summer Reading
Museum Passes



Books, DVDs, Magazines
Free Online Programs and Apps
(Audiobooks, Second Language, Parenting)

FREE!!
Sign up all family members for a library card

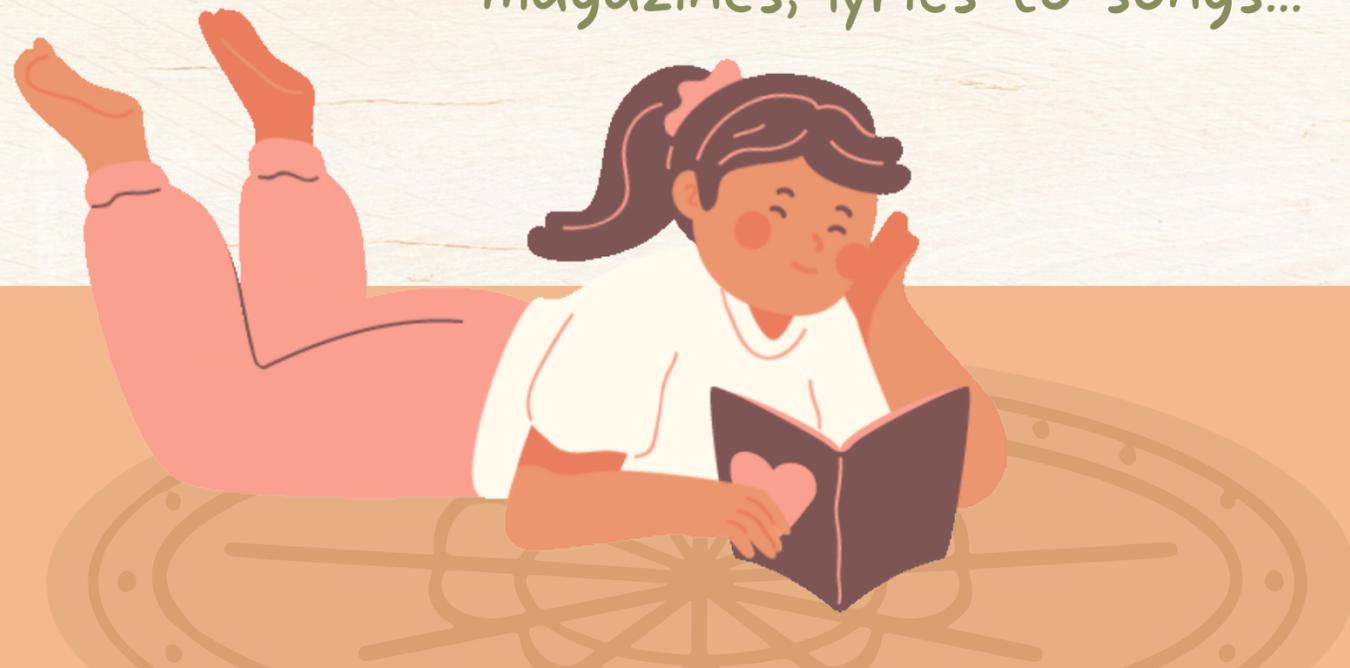




Tips for Reading at Home

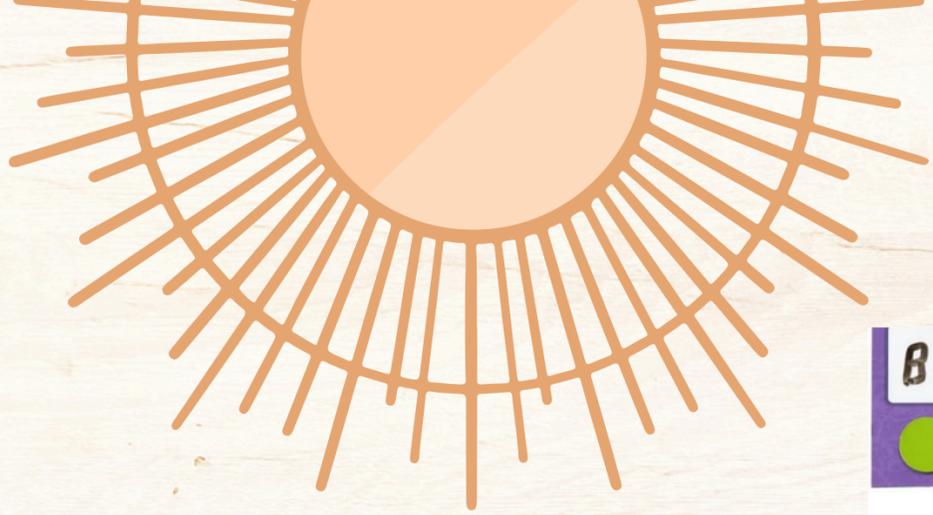
Parent Guides are included in your bags

- Think aloud when reading with your child
- Ask questions that get your child thinking (before, during and after)
- Sound Power is the Super Power of reading
- Encourage your child to not give up and to tackle reading and spelling
- Drawing and talking promote writing! (it's all communication!)
- Read everything- mail, signs, recipes, receipts, cereal boxes, food labels, websites, billboards, graphic novels, video games, instructions, comics, magazines, lyrics to songs...



Reading for 10 minutes
per day = 3,650 minutes
per year!





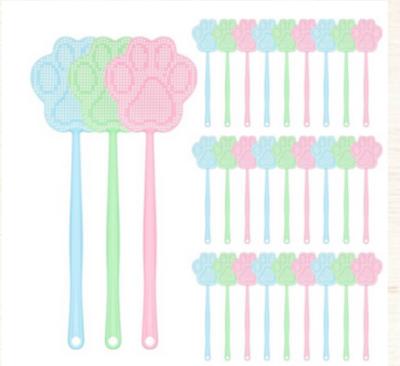
ITEMS TO TAKE HOME



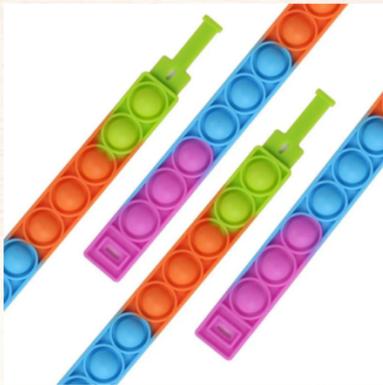
Sound Boards & Chips



Finger Flashlight



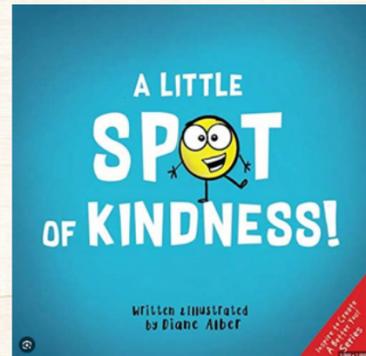
Game Swatter



Sound/Letter/
Word Popper



Whisper Phone



Spot of
Kindness Book



Dry Erase Pocket



Dry Erase
Marker



Parent Guides
for reading and
writing at home



Printed games,
directions and
letter tiles

Literacy Games

You will get a chance to try out several literacy games and activities and all of them will be in your take home bag!



Vocabulary
& Word
Swat

Sound &
Sentence
Pop It!

Bananagrams

Boggle

Tapple

CVC
Bingo

UpWords

Scrabble

Sight
Word
Game
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Challenges

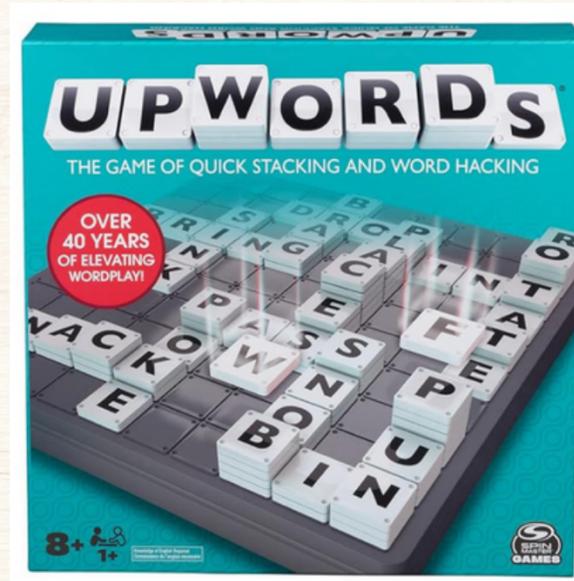


Raffle!

My first Banagrams



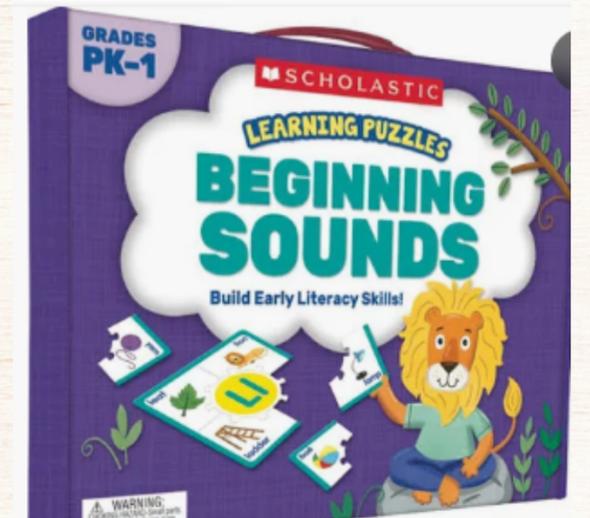
UpWords



Boggle



Beginning Sounds Puzzle



Put your raffle tickets (keep your side) in the basket(s) of your choice to try and win a new literacy game!



The background features a light-colored, wood-grain texture. On the left, a girl in a green dress and a boy in a white shirt stand together, looking at a book. On the right, a girl in a blue dress and a boy in a green shirt stand together, also looking at a book. In the bottom left, a girl in a pink dress sits on the floor reading, while another girl in a white shirt and pink pants lies on her back reading. In the bottom right, a girl in a white shirt and brown pants sits on the floor reading, and a boy in a blue shirt sits in a dark armchair reading. A large, light-brown rounded rectangle is centered in the middle of the page, containing the main text.

Thank you!

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Email any questions!

