

### **30 Ways to Support Reading and Writing at Home**

1. Talk to your children often and listen to what they have to say.
2. Read for pleasure in front of your children.
3. Tell stories to your children -- stories of the past or stories you were told.
4. Read aloud to your children daily.
5. Make predictions about a story while you read and see if they come true.
6. Share vocabulary, quotes, characters in the stories you read with them.
7. Have conversations about what you read and what they read.
8. Write and let your children see you write, especially for pleasure.
9. Send family letters to relatives or friends.
10. Try different environments during reading or storytelling. Some examples are as follows: flashlight reading, campfire stories, snuggle time, etc.
11. Make baskets of books and writing supplies available to your children always.
12. Give literacy gifts, such as new books, journals, special paper, and writing instruments.
13. Provide your child with time and a place to comfortably read and write without distraction.
14. Read signs posted all around you and point them out to your child.
15. Visit the library and bookstores with your child.
16. Subscribe to a children's magazine.
17. Play word games such as Scrabble Junior, Boggle, ABC Bingo, Word Concentration, etc.
18. Write notes for your child and leave them for him/her around the house or in their lunch box.
19. Have your child write and leave notes for you. If they want you to do something for them, tell them you need a reminder and ask them to write it down for you so you won't forget.
20. Notice and praise your child's growth in reading and writing.
21. Encourage your child to keep a journal and write in it frequently. Take the journal everywhere so your child can capture his/her thoughts.
22. Collect new words with your child and create a word jar.
23. Have your children write the shopping list, to do list, etc.
24. Let your child write an email or letter to family members.
25. Look at interesting pictures and make up stories around the picture.
26. Listen to books on CD or tape.
27. Sign up for story time at your local library.
28. Have your child help you write about favorite family memories.
29. Make time to talk, read, write and draw daily.
30. Allow your child to make written plans detailing how to do something s/he is interested in.