Reading Tips for Home

1. Keep a bag with a few of your child’s favorite books and some new stories whenever you go out, in case you have to wait somewhere.

2. Set up a comfortable reading area in your home. Keep books that are interesting to your child and are easily accessible.

3. Take family trips to the library on a regular basis. Have your child check books out on their own card.

4. Listen to books in the car.

5. Give books as gifts to children and adults.

6. Model – let your children see you reading for enjoyment.

7. Restrict the amount and kind of TV your children watch. Watch educational TV programs with your children that teach letter sounds and words or give information about nature and science.

8. Help your child see that reading is important. Suggest reading as a free-time activity. Make sure your children have time in their day to read. Set a good example for your children by reading newspapers, magazines, and books.

9. Encourage your child to read aloud to you. Talk about what has happened so far. Ask him/her to tell you what they think might happen next and then read to find out.

10. If your child sees a movie that they really like, go to the bookstore and find the book. Compare and Contrast the movie to the book.
11. Keep a reading journal. Write down the title and author and don’t forget to include your favorite part and why.

12. Write a book together!

13. Offer choices for your read-aloud time: Which would you like today? A story about a family on a trip, or a story about a boy and his new friend?

14. Set aside some time to play a game with your child: Boggle, Word Yahtzee, Word Bingo, Scrabble, Scatagories, Scrabble Sentence Cube Game, Password, Upwords, Concentration, Pictionary, Caribou, and Jeopardy.