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READ TO SUCCEED

Did you know that your child's reading ability at the end of third grade is a predictor of his or her ability for school success, and more importantly, the ability to graduate from high school? Research shows that the more time children spend reading in and outside of the classroom, the better readers they become. Children learn best with the support of caring adults who provide encouragement as they learn. In order to improve reading achievement of prekindergarten through twelfth (12th) grade students, South Carolina ratified Act 284: Read to Succeed. *Read to Succeed* is comprehensive reading legislation which involves:

1. Improving classroom instruction;
2. Early identification of struggling readers;
3. Intervention to assist struggling readers upon identification;
4. Notification of parent/guardian when a child is identified as a struggling reader;
5. Improving teacher preparation programs;
6. Requiring state, district, and school reading plans; and
7. Connecting reading instruction to statewide goals of college and career readiness.

"The more you **read**
the more **things** you know.
The more that you **learn**
the more **places** you'll go."
-Dr. Seuss



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CREATING A HOME LIBRARY

Starting a home library for your child shows him or her how important books are. When children have books of their own in a special place, it boosts the chance that they will want to read even more. Here are some ideas for creating your own home library:

- Browse garage sales, flea markets, thrift stores, and sales at your local library to find bargains.
- Encourage friends and family to give books as gifts for birthdays, holidays, and other celebrations.
- Pick a special place for your child's books—a cardboard box, basket, or crate that you can decorate together.
- Adding a bookplate ("This book belongs to..."), or simply writing your child's name gives a sense of ownership and can add "newness" to a used book. Download bookplates here <http://www.myhomelibrary.org/bookplates.html>
- Borrow books from your local library. Go to the children's section and take time to read and select books with your child to take home. You might even have a bag or box just for library books.

When collecting and reading books are part of family life, you send a message that books are important, enjoyable, and full of new things to learn!

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