



# FRONT PAGE NEWS

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### Read to Succeed:

### Family Reading Opportunities Are Everywhere

Parents remain the single most powerful influence on their children's overall reading success. Children who are learning to read or improving reading skills, benefit significantly from the practice that family reading provides. Reading and talking with your child each day develops the necessary foundation for success in math, science, reading, a continued love of learning, and social and emotional connections. Author and educator Jim Trelease notes that there is a clear difference between conversing with a child and reading to him. As he points out in his book *Read-Aloud Handbook*, "The language in books is very rich, and in books there are complete sentences. In books, newspapers, and magazines, the language is more complicated, more sophisticated. A child who hears more sophisticated words has a giant advantage over a child who hasn't heard those words." When we think of reading, we tend to think of stories, especially books, but there are many other types of reading materials that children can use to practice their developing reading skills. Check out these other forms of print below and their benefits to boosting reading skills. How many do you have in your home that can be used during your daily family reading time?

- **Newspapers** - Reading the comics section of the newspaper is a great way to teach children about the back and forth of dialog. Comics also contain the same story elements as narrative stories (characters, conflict, setting, theme, etc.).
- **Recipes** - As you take turns reading a recipe and following the step-by-step instructions, you are helping your child fine tune his/her reading comprehension skills.
- **Magazines** - Children's magazines, such as *Ranger Rick* or *National Geographic Kids*, usually have color graphics that attract and hold their attention, while the format allows children to be exposed to a wide variety of subjects.
- **Labels and Signs** - From cereal boxes to road signs, menus to weather reports, all are good ways to build reading skills.
- **Game Instructions** - Instructions for games, craft projects, science experiences, etc., help to build vocabulary and comprehension skills.
- **Shopping Lists** - Creating a shopping list is an ideal opportunity for you to include your child in writing out the list as you call out the items needed. As you shop, your child can be responsible for reading the list.

- \*Oct. 26 Collaborative Planning Day – (Elementary Schools Dismiss 11:40 a.m.)
- \*Nov. 8 Holiday – Election Day
- \*Nov. 23-25 Thanksgiving Break

**FEED YOUR CHILD'S BRAIN!**

Like breakfast, reading aloud is an essential part of your child's day.

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**Did You Know...** your local branch library offers more than just books? Libraries provide audiobooks, DVDs, magazines, computer use, WiFi, family story time, children's activities, reading programs, and so much more...all FREE of charge!

### Attendance Matters...Every School Day Counts!

Your school has exciting plans and high expectations for your student's learning. We know that you also have many hopes and dreams for your child's success in school and beyond. To ensure that your child reaches her full potential, your commitment to making sure she attends school every day and on time is important. The evidence is clear: children with good attendance are more likely to be successful in school. High attendance rates are linked to high student achievement. A few missed days, tardies, and early dismissals here and there, even if excused, can add up to too much lost learning time and has a significant negative impact on reading and math achievement. Good attendance is a habit that children should learn early if they are going to succeed in school and in life. You can support your child's attendance by reserving absences for times when she is too ill to be in school and scheduling appointments after school hours, when possible. When your child must be absent, or if your family is facing a challenge to your child's attendance, please communicate with the school so they will be aware and can help if necessary. Parents make the difference and we appreciate you!

