

# PIC Conference Parent Resource: Reading With Your Child

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Our session today...

- How can I help my child at home with reading?
- What can I say if my child gets stuck on a word?
- What is important for me to know when I am listening to my child read?

How can I help my child at home with reading?

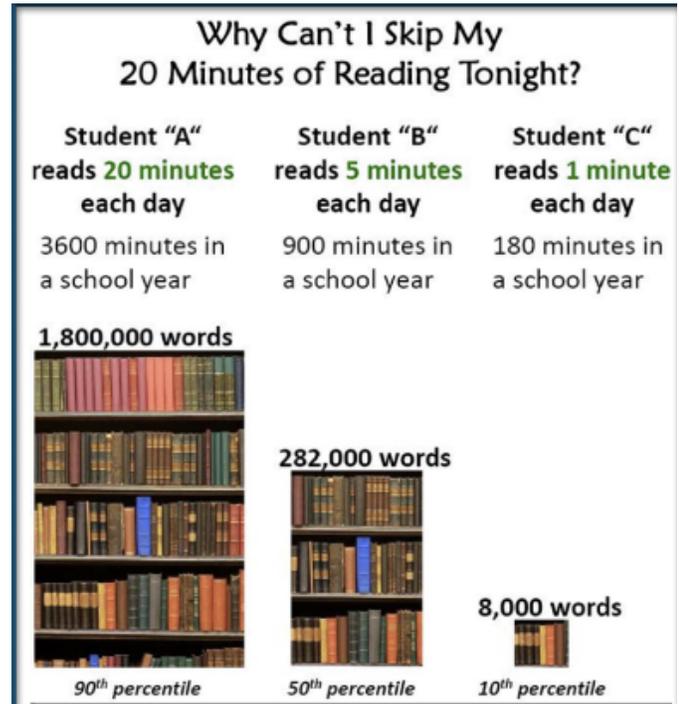
- Let your child see you reading and writing.
- Talk together...a LOT.
- Read to your child...every day.
- Your child's first language is extremely important.
- Continue to speak, read and write in this language. It provides your child with a stronger foundation for learning languages.

What can I say if my child gets stuck on a word?

- Look at the picture. Can the picture help you?
- What would make sense?
- What would sound right?
- What would look like?
- If these questions don't help, then tell your child the word. We want children to understand the story. If we spend too much time trying to solve a word, they will lose the meaning of what they are reading.

What is important for me to know when I am listening to my child read?

- Reading easy books is important to build confidence, and to allow your child to put all the reading pieces together.
- Reading familiar books is important to build fluency and to help comprehension.
- Using the pictures to help you solve a challenging word is key.
- Reading is about understanding, not just solving ("decoding") the words on the page.
- Making your reading sound like talking (fluency) is something that many children need to practise, and is best practised with easy and/or familiar books.
- Pointing to the words as you read is important at the very beginning stages of learning to read, but then it can become a bad habit.



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