



TIPS FOR FAMILIES

Help Your Child Learn to Read

Your children's teachers are working hard to teach them to read. There are lots of things you can do at home that can help, too. Here are some ideas to get you started.

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Speak to your child in your home language.

Children are able to learn many languages at once. Using your home language will not confuse them, even if they speak English!

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Talk with your children about their day.

Ask them to tell you about something they enjoyed, something they found difficult, or something they learned.

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Talk about the benefits of being bilingual with your child:

- a strong connection to family and culture
- more opportunities for education, careers, and travel
- lifelong benefits for the brain

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Encourage your child to write every day.

Ask your child to help you write your grocery list or a note to a relative. They can write a text message on your phone, an email on the computer, or a handwritten note on paper.

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Share stories, songs, games, and rhymes from your culture.

Children love stories! Share family stories as well as songs, games, and rhymes from your childhood.

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Listen to your child read out loud.

Ask your child to read to you from a book, your mobile phone, or the labels on your groceries.

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Share special traditions and recipes from home.

Talk about important traditions from your culture and choose some special recipes to prepare together.

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If you have Internet service, you can:

- sign up for a free library card to download e-books
- look for educational websites, videos and apps



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