

Reading with your child

Top Ten Tips for Parents/Guardians



Infants - 1st Class Reading	2nd - 4th Class Reading	5th - 6th Class Reading
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Read to your child as often as you can. 2. Talk about books/characters/plots. 3. Enrol your child in the local library. 4. Provide a good role model by reading yourself/other family members. 5. Keep audio tapes of familiar stories to play in the car 6. Vary the type of books - read stories/poems/information. 7. Accept your child's efforts with praise. 8. Concentrate on what he/she got right. 9. Make reading together enjoyable. 10. Take part in school based initiatives like 'shared reading' 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continue to read to your child everyday. 2. Read some of the books your child enjoys so you can discuss them with him/her. 3. Encourage your child to read to younger brothers/sisters. 4. Ensure that your child knows that you value and enjoy reading yourself. 5. Make sure there is a wide variety of reading material in your home - newspapers, magazines, information, cookery books, etc. 6. Enrol and encourage your child to visit the local library once a week. 7. Discuss favourite authors. 8. Encourage your child to read articles/headlines in newspapers. 9. Encourage your child to guess unknown words. 10. Take part in school based initiatives like 'shared reading' 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Encourage your child to visit the local library as often as possible. 2. Recognise and praise your child's efforts in reading. 3. Ensure your child has access to a wide range of reading material - newspapers, magazines, guides etc. 4. Take an interest in different children's authors. 5. Discuss ideas and points of view proposed by newspaper articles etc. 6. Provide a well lit study/reading area. 7. Ensure that you value and enjoy reading yourself. 8. Allow your child to choose his/her own reading material. 9. Encourage your child to read for information - timetables/ weather forecasts/menus. 10. Encourage your child to try and guess unknown words.

