

Reading Ideas - encouraging reluctant readers and daily practice

1. Put the close captioning on your TV and devices - your child will see the words as they watch or play video games.
2. Make reading fun! Read daily to your child and try to make up silly voices for the characters. Ask silly questions about the story. Be creative and make popsicle stick puppets to reenact the story.
3. Take your child's lead on books that are of interest to them - What are their interests? Sports? Animals? Humour? Crafts? Cooking?
4. Share the reading - have your child read a sentence or a page and then you take a turn. Sometimes a whole page or a whole book can be overwhelming.
5. Visit the local library and investigate the fun reading programs they offer.
[Library Link](#)
6. Check out the bookmobile at the Bayshore community center.
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7. If finances allow, visit a book store and let your child pick out a book.
8. Try RazKids - the sign in information is stapled inside your child's agenda.
9. Read daily - I always enjoyed bedtime stories with my children. It's a calm way to settle into the night.
10. Make sure your child sees you reading and enjoying books.
11. Help them make up their own books and read them together at bedtime.
12. Don't worry about what books your child enjoys - all reading is beneficial even comics, cook books, joke books...
13. Try a reward program - when your child finishes 5 or 10 books (whatever you feel is appropriate), they earn something fun like extra time at the park, a visit to buy a book, baking cookies...