



Independent Reading at Home

Independent reading can help your school-age child to build a lifelong love of reading, but it also helps to boost their comprehension, fluency, and vocabulary. Below are some tips to make independent reading at home successful.

Tips for independent reading at home:

- Set aside time and space for your child to read every day. Following a routine helps children to develop healthy habits, and providing a cozy peaceful space that is free of distractions will support the independent reading process.
- Help your child find books they will enjoy. This can be on a topic that interests them, a series they enjoy or a favorite author. When a child is engaged with the book they are more likely to keep reading.
- Make sure the book is not too difficult. When the book is at the right level both learning and enjoyment will occur. If your child picks a book that is too difficult for them, consider reading it to them so you can support and explain unknown concepts.
- Talk to your child about what they are reading. Encourage them to tell you about the characters, plot, and what they think might happen next.
- Encourage your child to keep a **Reader's Notebook** where they can jot down thoughts, questions, and predictions about what they are reading.