

Reading Activities for Grades K-2

Read a book to your child every day.

Refer to Scholastic.com to find books at your child's level for independent reading.

Have your child reread their books to develop fluency.

Talk about books with your child. Here are some guiding questions that will help start discussions: Tell the important things that happened in the story; share characters feelings and show evidence from the book; have your child share connections to the story or the situations/feelings of the characters.

Snap Words/Sight Words

Search “dolch sight words” or “fry sight words” to find words that your child needs to learn by sight. Use no more than five new words at a time. Use these words to play games such as: Concentration, Go Fish, Word Searches or Wordo. Your child can also go on a word scavenger hunt looking for words in books, newspapers, on signs and in stores,

Build words: use magnetic letters, alphabet stamps, play dough, or write words in shaving cream.

Writing Words – Have your child write each word over and over using different materials such as whiteboards, chalkboards, magna doodles, sidewalk chalk, markers, and paint. Each time your child writes the word, he/she should spell it as they write it and then say the word. Have your child write sentences or stories using their words.

Learning Through Music – Kids can often remember things better when they are put to music. Use a familiar tune like “Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star” to help your child remember how to spell high frequency words.

Learning through Reading – All books have many high frequency words which is why they are so important to learn. Have your child go on a word search in some of their favorite books looking for the high frequency words they are working on. Additionally, young children can use sight word readers – simple books that contain sight words repeated on each page – to learn their sight words in context. When children point to these words as they read them over and over in simple books, they learn them in a meaningful way.

Grade 2 students may wish to refer to the Reading Activities List for Grades 3 to 5 for additional ideas.