

Kindergarten Summer Reading

Dear Parents,

Most educators now realize that the single most important thing parents can do to ensure their child's success as a reader is to read to him every day. Included below is a list of tips on how to make story time pleasurable for both of you.

1. Pick a time when you can devote your full attention to your child. It may be before dinner, during bath time, or at bedtime; these uninterrupted few minutes are important.
2. Take time to talk about the cover of the book before you start to read. Point out the author and the illustrator and discuss what those terms mean. Ask your child to predict what the story is about on the basis of the cover illustration and refer back to those predictions as you read.
3. Read at a comfortable pace for you and your child.
4. Help your child connect print to speech by pointing to the words in the text as you read.
5. Encourage your child to ask questions about the story and take time to ask questions as you read.
6. When you finish reading, talk about the story. Then ask your child to tell the story in his or her own words.
7. Read your child's favorite books over and over. Studies show that each time a child listens to the same story; new kinds of learning take place. When your child knows the book by heart, let him "read" it to you!

You will soon discover that there is no greater joy than helping your child learn to read. Bring that joy into your home today.

Happy reading,

ACDS Kindergarten Teachers

