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Reading Connection



Providing parents with reading strategies, resources, and facts to support reading at home

Love of Reading

By Ms. Smith

February is a month of love. Heart boxes filled with scrumptious chocolates, red roses, candy hearts, and little notes of affection for friends and loved ones are the sights on any store shelf. What about another love- A love that lasts a lifetime?

If you ask anyone, they'll tell you how much I love to read. But this was not always the case as I grew up. My love for books and reading grew stronger as I got older when I was able to choose my own books. I never realized how books could inspire me or take me on adventures or allow me to enter new worlds. Now, the second I finish a book I have to have another ready to begin.

As teachers our desire is to help students become voracious readers, to embrace books, and develop a passion for reading. How can you help your child develop a love for reading?

Surround your child with great books. This does not mean you need to buy out Barnes and Noble. Visit used bookstores, like Encore on Heatherdowns. Get your child a library card to check out books for free.

Read aloud to your child. Experts recommend to begin reading to your child at birth, but it is never too late to start. Set aside a few minutes each day to read to your child...maybe a chapter of a Humphrey book. Jim Trelease, author and educator, encourages parents to continue reading aloud to their children even as they get older. ~~Boomerang, Bear and Bear~~ anymore, but you might read part of a magazine article you found interesting.

Be a good model. Let your child see you read. Whether it's the newspaper, a magazine, textbook, or book for enjoyment, modeling the importance and love of reading creates an impressionable image your child will remember.

"There are many ways to enlarge your child's world. Love of books is the best of all."

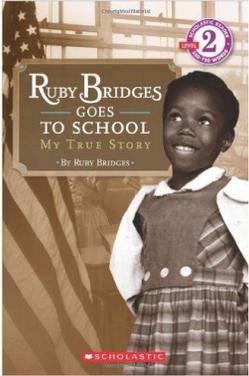
-Jacqueline Kennedy

**Here are book series and/or authors
your children are likely to fall in LOVE with!**

Grade levels are flexible based on your child's interest and reading level.
In addition, the books in some of these series have a range of reading levels.

<p>Kindergarten</p> <p><u>Elephant and Piggie</u> By Mo Williams</p> <p><u>Click, Clack Moo</u> (and other titles) By Doreen Cronin and Betsy Lewin</p> <p><u>Biscuit</u> Alyssa Satin Capucilli and Pat Schories</p> <p><u>National Geographic Kids Readers: Level 1</u></p> <p><u>Scholastic First Discovery Books</u></p>	<p>1st Grade</p> <p><u>Henry and Mudge</u> By Cynthia Rylant</p> <p><u>Pete the Cat</u> By James Dean</p> <p><u>National Geographic Kids Readers: Levels 1 or 2</u></p> <p><u>Rookie Read Abouts</u></p> <p><u>Scholastic News Nonfiction Readers</u></p>
<p>2nd Grade</p> <p><u>Nate the Great</u> By Marjorie Weinman Sharmat</p> <p><u>Cam Jansen</u> By David Adler</p> <p><u>Horrible Harry</u> By Suzie Kline</p> <p>Gail Gibbons books (non-fiction)</p> <p><u>National Geographic Kids Readers: Levels 2 or 3</u></p>	<p>3rd Grade</p> <p><u>Who Was/Who Is?</u> By Various Authors</p> <p><u>Geronimo Stilton</u> By Geronimo Stilton</p> <p><u>Thea Stilton</u> By Thea Stilton</p> <p><u>Boxcar Children</u> By Gertrude Chandler Warner</p> <p><u>Scholastic True or False</u></p> <p><u>Who Would Win?</u> By Jerry Pallota and Rob Bolster</p>

Book of the Month



With February being Black History month, it's an especially good time to share and discuss the book Ruby Bridges Goes to School with your children. Written by Ruby Bridges herself, this autobiography tells the story of a brave little girl who stood up for her right to go to an unsegregated school.

Technology Connection

Valentine Words Pacman:

<http://www.primarygames.com/holidays/valentines/games/valentinewordspacman/>

Race to help Pacman spell the Valentine words in this game.



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