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Reading Connection



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

Making Time For Reading

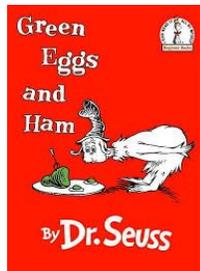
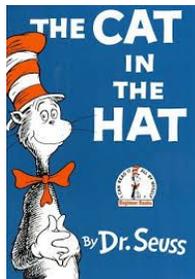
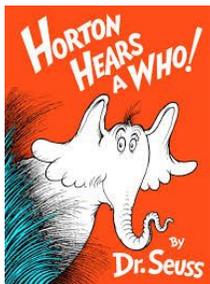
As the weather gets warmer, our schedules tend to get busier. Here are some tips for continuing to fit in daily reading with your children even on those extra-busy days.

- Read to your children while they are eating.
- Keep books in various spots around the house- living room, bedroom, bathroom.
- Read everything! Signs, food boxes, magazines, directions, etc.
- Keep some books in the car.
- Play reading games—hangman, Brain Quest, etc.
- Read while you wait at a restaurant or doctor's office
- Listen to stories online. Try Storyline Online! or Epic
- Read activity books, such as cookbooks for kids or Klutz books.

*Adapted from Lindy Cranfill

Book of the Month

In honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday, March 2nd is "Read Across America Day." Choose a favorite Dr. Seuss book to read with your child this month!



Technology Connection

Scholastic Book Leveling Wizard

This online tool allows you to search for books based on your child's reading level, interests, grade level, and more!

<https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/bookwizard/>

Motivating Reluctant Readers

Are you looking for ways to motivate your child to read?

Here are some ideas that may help!

-Encourage them to choose reading materials that they will feel successful with. Students reading text above their independent level often get frustrated and give up quicker.

-Build off and integrate reading with their interests. For example, if your child loves building with legos, find books about buildings and architecture and help them connect what they read and learn from books to their building.

-Include various types of reading media- books, magazines, cookbooks, game directions/manuals, digital resources, etc.

-Start a Book Club with your neighborhood kids or child's friends. Reading the same books and discussing them is a great way to get excited about reading.

We want students to develop a love for reading and intrinsic motivation to read. But, sometimes they need extrinsic motivation to get regular reading practice such as...

-Have a friendly competition between you and your child- who can read more minutes each week or month?

-Help your child set a reading goal and an award they receive if they achieve the goal. New books often make great rewards and encourage additional reading.

Listen to your child read aloud when possible. When it's not possible, ask them to summarize their reading to you to confirm they are comprehending the text.