

PARP 2002 “READING IS A PIECE OF CAKE”

READING TIPS

- ✓ Read together. It makes kids feel special and new readers can follow the words as you read.
- ✓ Make it fun! For example, ask your child to use different voices for the characters in the book you are reading.
- ✓ Always have books available. Take your child to the library or bookstore and help him/her choose his/her own books.
- ✓ Set an example. A child copies what he/she sees. Seeing you with a book or newspaper will give him/her the idea that reading is important.
- ✓ Start reading to your child early. He/she will begin to learn the words and sounds so he/she can begin to read.
- ✓ Make a time and place to read to your child. Many parents feel bedtime is ideal because their child calms down and falls asleep easier after reading.
- ✓ Continue to read to your child even after he/she learns to read. This is your special time together.
- ✓ Help your child become an active reader by sharing ideas and asking questions: What do you think will happen next? Share what you think about the story.
- ✓ Listen to audio books when traveling long distances in the car and discuss what you’ve heard.
- ✓ Read with your child every day. This is the most important thing you can do to help him/her succeed in school and in life.

We hope that by using these tips with your child reading will continue to be an important part of your lives. We all want our children to feel that “reading is a piece of cake.”