

PARP 2003 “Grab a Book Today, Read Across the USA!”

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 for your child. Take your children to the library or bookstore and help them choose their own books.
- ✓ Set an example, children copy what they see. Seeing you with a book or newspaper will give them the idea that reading is important.
- ✓ Start reading to your child early, they will begin to learn the words and sounds so they can read to themselves.
- ✓ 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 children even after they learn to read to themselves. 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 them succeed in school and in life.

We hope that by using these tips with your children reading will continue to be an important part of their life.