



Read Side by Side Reading Program

Tips for At Home Reading

Reading for 20 minutes a day can have a HUGE impact on your child's success in school. We understand that after school schedules are sometimes very tight. Here are a few tips to help you keep your child reading at home (even with a crazy schedule)!

Take Books With You

If your evenings are spent running around from sports to music to gymnastics, take books with you! Your child can get a lot of reading done while riding in the car, waiting for a sibling, or sitting in a restaurant. Take advantage of those minutes!

Audio Books Aren't Cheating

Listening to an audio book can have many benefits, even for strong readers. These benefits include: introducing your child to books above his or her level, teaching critical listening skills, introducing new genres, topics, and vocabulary, and capturing one's imagination. If you are having trouble fitting reading into your daily life, try listening to audio books in the car! Or, if your child is having trouble staying motivated to read, try reading aloud or listening to an audio book. Audio books aren't cheating!

Schedule Longer Reads Between "Off" Days

Are you having trouble finding time to read *every* day? Make reading less about daily minutes, and more about the act of reading. Schedule longer reading times (30-60 minutes) between days off from reading. Aim for about 100 minutes per week.

Talk About Books

Take time to ask your child about the books he or she is reading. Have them tell you about the characters and keep you up to date on the plot. Ask questions, and stay interested in your child's reading. And don't forget to share what you are reading too! Let your child see you as a reader.

These are just a few tips to get you started! If you have more questions, please contact your child's teacher, or email us at info@readsidebyside.com.