

Reading Tips for Parents

Share Reading

Students in middle school are often old enough for you to read and exchange books. If you can get more than one copy, find a book you both like and read it together. Take a trip to the library or discount bookstore. Letting your student see you read, talking about books, and sharing your favorite authors and genres can make a huge impact on student reading.

Talk About the Books They Are Reading In School

Find out what reading your student has been assigned and ask him/her to explain it. Try and tie what is being read to real-life experiences.

A Place for Reading

Make sure your student has a quiet place to read, with few distractions. This is especially important for a student who struggles with reading.

Help Start a Habit

In addition to a quiet place to read, help your student find a good time to read on a daily basis, even if it is just 20 minutes a day. Many enjoy reading before going to sleep as a way to calm their minds from their busy lives. In addition to school reading, encourage your student to look for books about things he/she is interested in.

Communicate With Your Student's Teacher

Keep teachers aware of any reading difficulties your student may have, as well as strategies you have already tried that work or do not work for them. Encourage your student to ask questions if having problems understanding.