WHAT TO READ

Apart from books there is a wide variety of other literature that is worth reading

- Magazines
- Comics
- Poetry books
- Newspapers
- Shopping Lists
- Diaries
- Reference materials
- Atlases
- Maps
- Instructions for games, machines, etc
- Recipes
- Computer Adventure Games
- Letters
- Telephone book
- Junk mail
- Anything around the house, such as cereal boxes

WHAT READING TIME COULD LOOK LIKE:

1. Establish a time each day to read.
2. Allow your child to choose a book/magazine/comic, etc, to read that is of interest to them.
3. Read the book or part of the book.
4. Talk about the book and ask questions like:
   - Who do you think would enjoy this book?
   - What did the information in this book remind you of?
   - Have you read any other books similar to this book?

**ALWAYS** encourage and praise your child's attempts.

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Promoting reading for enjoyment in upper primary school.
Ways to promote a love of literature.

1. Set aside a time daily to read to your children—studies show regularly reading out loud to children will produce significant gains in reading (whether they are toddlers or preteens).

2. Surround your children with reading materials—tempt your children to read by making books available at every opportunity (e.g. in cars, bathrooms, bedrooms, family rooms).

3. Have a family reading time—find 15 minutes a day when everyone in the family reads together silently.

4. Develop the library habit—take your children to the library every few weeks.

5. Encourage a wide variety of reading activities—make reading an integral part of your lives. Have them read menus, road signs, recipes, games directions.


There is more to reading than reading words:

Talk to your children about what they are reading. Ask them questions like:

- Did you find any interesting words in what you were reading?
- Tell me about…..
- How are these different?
- What's your favourite ….?
- What is a ……?
- What will happen if he ……?
- Why can't he …..?
- Why do you like that one?