

## Dear Parents,

Like most parents, you're probably looking for ways to encourage your child to read more. You know that reading for fun is a wonderful activity that contributes to overall reading ability and to success in school. Here are some ideas for increasing your child's reading ability:



1. Read aloud to your child for 15 minutes every day. Stop at several points in the story and ask your child what he or she thinks will happen next.
2. Get your child his/her own library card. Take him/her to the public library at least once a month.
3. Start a family newsletter for the immediate and extended family. Include special news or events that have happened to the family. After dinner or at another convenient time, have your child read the newsletter aloud.
4. Establish a family reading time where everyone (including mom and dad) spends 15-30 minutes reading.
5. Ask family members to listen to your child read aloud while they are cooking, cleaning, driving, or relaxing.
6. The car is a good place for you to practice reading skills with your children. Have them read signs, billboards, and other words around them. On car trips, play such word games as rhyming and spelling.



7. Read with your child. Alternate listening to your child read a page or paragraph with you reading a page or paragraph.
8. Have a reading party and invite children from the neighborhood. Ask each guest to dress as a character from their favorite book.

## Happy Reading!

Sincerely,  
The Kindergarten Teachers