



Our 3rd Graders Must
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READING GUIDE

TIPS FOR READING TOGETHER WITH A CHILD

BEFORE READING

- Select a book that your child is excited to read.
- Point to and read aloud the title and author of the book.
- Briefly look through the book and look at the pictures. For chapter books, find and read the chapter titles in the table of contents.
- Ask your child to predict what the book might be about based on its cover, title, pictures, or chapter titles.
- Ask your child to make connections. What does he or she already know about this topic, these characters, this author, etc.?

DURING READING

- Throughout the book, ask your child what he or she thinks will happen next.
- Ask your child who are the main characters in the book.
- Talk about each character. Discuss why the characters might act the way they do.
- Talk about when and where the story takes place.
- Talk about the problem that the characters face in the story.
- Discuss how the characters might solve the problem they face.
- Use the pictures or the context of the story to define new words.
- Find and define new and interesting words.

AFTER READING

- Ask your child to tell what happened in the beginning, towards the middle, and at the end of the book.
- Ask your child to name his or her favorite character in the book and tell why.
- Ask your child to tell you his or her favorite part of the book and tell why.
- Ask your child whether his or her predictions made before or during reading were correct.
- Talk about whether this book reminds your child of an experience in his or her life.
- Ask your child to read a few pages or paragraphs of the book to you (if the book is at his or her reading level).

READ TOGETHER at least 15 minutes every day.

Find free tools, tips, and ideas at www.Read2Succeed.org.

