

## PROMOTING LITERACY IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## Literacy Tips for Parents of Elementary-aged Learners

**Literacy is more than just reading books or writing essays;** it's about understanding and engaging with the world around us. We've put together some effective strategies to help your elementary-aged children develop strong reading and language skills.



### 1 Keep Reading Together

Even as children grow older, reading together remains crucial. Consider starting a family book club where everyone can discuss their favorite parts of the story. Encourage your child to ask questions and share their thoughts to build comprehension skills and foster a deeper connection to the material.

### 2 Let Their Interests Guide

Choose books that match their interests and reading abilities. If they love animals, explore nonfiction books about fascinating creatures. If they are history buffs, dive into biographies or historical fiction. Graphic novels and comics can also entice reluctant readers with their engaging visuals.

### 3 Make Writing Fun and Relevant

Encourage your child to write regularly by providing opportunities for creative expression. Start a journal together, write letters to family members or pen pals, and create silly stories, poems, or comic strips.



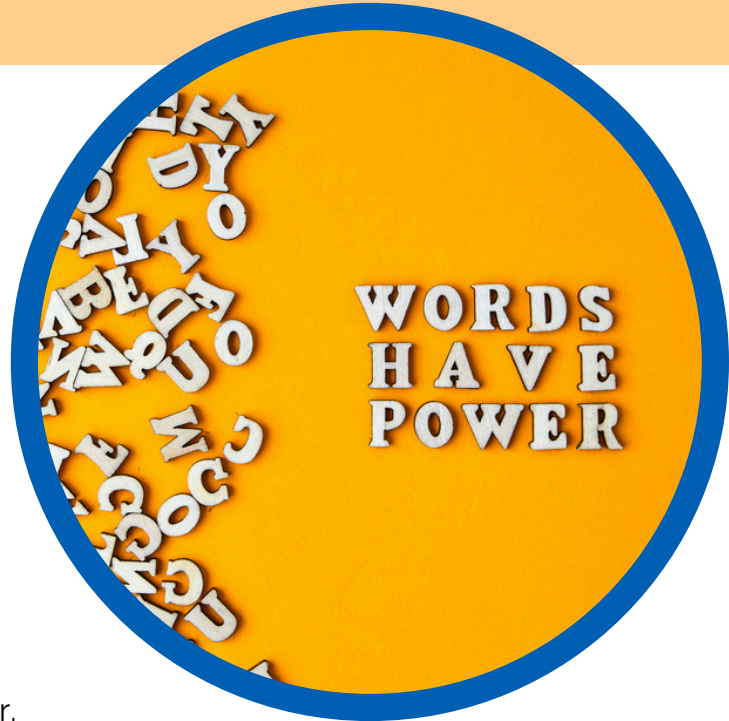
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**4 Use Technology Wisely**

While technology can be a valuable tool for learning, it's important to monitor and limit screen time. Encourage your child to use educational apps and websites that reinforce literacy skills. Balance screen time with offline activities like writing and outdoor play. Audiobooks are also a great way to provide access to stories and vocabulary they may not be able to read by themselves.

**5 Expand Literacy Beyond Books**

- Read menus, online articles, or recipes together.
- Play board games, puzzles, and even charades; these all involve reading and critical thinking.
- Games like Scrabble, Jr. Boggle, or Mad Libs are fun ways to practice vocabulary and spelling.



**By nurturing a love for reading and language from an early age**, we are setting the foundation for reading success. What are you doing in your homes to engage in literacy activities with your young learners? We'd love to hear from you!

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