

Infants and Toddlers

Reading and talking to very young children builds knowledge about words and language they will later use in learning to talk and read. Read often with infants and toddlers and talk about what you are reading.



Fill your home with reading materials like books, magazines, newspapers, and cookbooks.



Ages 3 - 5

Choose books with simple concepts like numbers, shapes, or colors, as well as books that encourage children to participate. Point out details about books, such as titles, authors' names, and illustrators' names.



Ages 6 - 8

Reading does not come naturally. This is a skill that has to be practiced. Research suggests that children need to be exposed to words between 6 and 60 times before they can memorize and read them fluently without stopping to sound out words.



Ages 13 - 15

Now, more than ever adolescent readers need parental support to maintain the reading momentum needed in preparation for standardized tests.

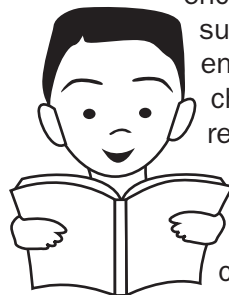
Helpful Hints for Choosing Books from Scholastic Book Fairs

Connect Kids to Books They Want to Read

- Let the interests of your child guide his or her choices.
- Picture books are great for everyone, especially for family read-alouds.
- Suggest some of your favorite books to your child.
- Help your child become a successful reader by talking, listening, and reading together.

Ages 9 - 12

Children need ongoing encouragement, and should be surrounded by a book-rich environment at home. Exposing children to a wide variety of reading materials, such as science fiction, mystery, and nonfiction helps build vocabulary and comprehension.



Start seasonal traditions. Pick a special book to read together every year during the holidays.

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