



**The pleasure of all reading is doubled when one lives
with another who shares the same books.**

Katherine Mansfield

Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body.

Joseph Addison

**There is more treasure in a book than in all the pirate's
loot on Treasure Island...and best of all, you can enjoy
these riches every day of your life.**

Walt Disney

**Children are made readers on the
laps of their parents.**

Emilie Buchwald

FAMILIES CAN HELP

Whether you are a parent, guardian, grandparent, or an older sibling, you can help a child learn to love reading. Children watch us, listen to us and try to do everything we do. It is critical that we let our children see us reading, as well as hear us reading.

How to Get Started

1. Schedule at least 15 minutes every day with your child to share reading together. It could be after dinner or at bedtime, just be certain it does not conflict with other activities.
2. Schedule a weekly trip to the county library. Your child should be involved in the selection of books. Ask the librarian at your local library for assistance if you have trouble finding materials for your child.
3. Find a cozy quiet place and snuggle up together for a special time of reading.
4. Try reading with different voices for the characters and add suspense when it is appropriate. Remember, it's okay to be silly if the story is silly.
5. Talk about the events, characters and words.
6. But most importantly, have fun together reading, talking and learning.

Using This Booklet

1. Choose from any of the lists: Themes, Authors, Authors of Series, Suggested Titles, or make your own list.
2. Keep track of your reading on the back cover, My Reading Log. Return this log to your school Reading Teacher in August for a special reading certificate.
3. Have fun and READ, READ, READ!

**For more information contact the
Reading/Language Arts Office at 410-222-5455**

TRY SOME OF THESE THEMES

Unusual Animals
Comedy
Endangered Species
Adventures
Microscopic World
Arts & Crafts
Around the World
Music & Dance
Spy Stories & Mysteries
Extreme Sports
Horses
Science Fiction
Fantasy
Transportation
Astronomy
Famous People

TRY SOME OF THESE AUTHORS

Shel Silverstein	Roald Dahl
M. C. Helldorfer	Julius Lester
Sid Fleischman	Patricia Reilly Giff
Jean Craighead George	Kate DiCamillo
Paul Fleischman	Katherine Patterson
Phyllis Reynolds Naylor	Chris Van Allsburg
E.B. White	Judy Blume
Paula Fox	Avi
Gary Paulsen	Jerry Spinelli
Eloise Greenfield	Mildred Pitts Walter

TRY SOME OF THESE AUTHORS OF SERIES BOOKS

Robert McCloskey	Beverly Cleary
Lynn Reid Banks	R.L. Stine
Paula Danziger	Michael Bond
Marguerite Henry	Lois Lowry
Mary Norton	Bruce Coville
Lloyd Alexander	Michael Bond
Betsy Byars	Jane Yolen
Ann Cameron	Eoin Colfer
Robert K. Smith	James Howe
John Peterson	Ruth Gannett

TRY SOME OF THESE TITLES

These are just suggestions and other books may be substituted.

Ask your librarian for recommendations.

Entering Fourth Grade

Secrets of the Sphinx by James Griblin

Cook-a-Doodle-Do by Susan Stevens Crummel

For Laughing Out Loud: Poems to Tickle Your Funnybone by Jack Prelutsky

Fourth Grade Fuss by Johanna Hurwitz

Harriet the Spy by Louise Fitzhugh

Help! I'm a Prisoner in the Library by Eth Clifford

The Hoboken Chicken Emergency by Daniel Pinkwater

King of the Wind by Marguerite Henry

Leonardo: Beautiful Dreamer by Robert Byrd

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis

The Widow's Broom by Chris Van Allsburg

Wilma Unlimited by Kathleen Krull

*Ida B. and Her Plans to Maximize Fun,
Avoid Disaster and (Possibly) Save the World*
by Katherine Hannigan

Entering Fifth Grade

City of Ember by Jeanne Duprau

Caddie Woodlawn by Carol Ryrie Brink

The Eighteenth Emergency by Betsy Byars

Fly Away Home by Eve Bunting

Fourth Grade Rats by Jerry Spinelli

Harriet Tubman: Conductor on the Underground Railroad by Anne Petry

Matilda by Roald Dahl

Million Dollar Shot by Dan Gutman

The Mysterious Matter of I.M. Fine by Diane Stanley

Night Journeys by Avi

Sideways Stories From Wayside School by Louis Sachar

Smart Dog by Vivian Vande Velde

Where the Sidewalks Ends by Shel Silverstein

MY LIBRARY "BROWSING LIST"

Topics I Want to Read About

Authors, Books, Magazines I Like