

Families and Literacy

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The goal of the Families and Literacy Committee of the WSRA is to develop and carry out plans which convey to parents the value of involvement in reading activities with children.

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Family Reading Fun

Reading doesn't just have to happen in a book. Reading can happen everywhere! Check out the following list of fun ways to motivate your child to read everyday.

- Listen to books on tape
- Read license plates
- Read the labels on cereal boxes
- Follow a recipe
- Read environmental print like restaurant signs

- Have older siblings read books to younger siblings
- Order a subscription to a kids magazine
- Enjoy the Sunday funnies, comic books or graphic novels

We are surrounded by opportunities to promote reading every day. Make the most of these literacy moments. A minute spent reading is never wasted!



Strategy Spotlight

Fluency is an important part of reading. Fluent readers know that words should flow smoothly when read. Parents can promote early fluency development by reading nursery rhymes to their children. Rereading books is also helpful. Parents can read a book aloud, parent and child can read the same book together, the child can then read the same book back to the parent. Repeated readings help children hear the rhythm of the words. Why not start tonight!

Meet the Author

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This fabulous story teller is the author and illustrator of more than 45 children's picture books! Diagnosed with dyslexia, Polacco did not learn to read until the age of 14. She did not begin her career in writing until the age of 41! Polacco currently resides in Union City, Michigan. Learn more about Patricia Polacco at www.patriciapolacco.com.

Literacy Tip

Develop a bed time routine that involves reading. Want a way to make it special? How about having a grandparent read a bedtime story via the phone or a web cam? Not reasonable? Then how about having a grandparent record a book on tape? Not only will your child love it, but it promotes literacy development as well!