

# RENAISSANCE

Cultivating a Culture of Reading

## What Every Parent Should Know About Reading

“Children are made readers on the laps of their parents.”

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Author, *Gildaen*



Parental involvement in a child's literacy practices is a more powerful force than other family background variables, such as social class, family size, and level of parental education. Below are the top five things that you should know about your child's reading practice.

### 1. Read every day



#### Access to books makes a difference!

- Parents who provide access to books increase the level of education their children will attain.
- Having 500 books at home can help propel a child up to 3.2 years.

Source: Family Scholarly Culture and Educational Success" Research in Social Stratification and Mobility, 2007



#### Time spent reading directly impacts student achievement

- A child who reads for 1 minute a day (outside of school) will score in the 10<sup>th</sup> percentile.
- A child who reads 33 minutes a day (outside of school) will score in the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile.

Source: "Growth in Reading and How Children Spend Their Time Outside School." *Reading Research Quarterly*, 1988

### 2. Let kids choose books

- 73% of kids ages 6-17 say "I would read more if I could find more books that I like."
- 91% of kids of all ages agree "...my favorite books are the ones that I have picked out myself."

Source: "The State of Kids and Reading" by The Kids and Family Reading Report, 2014



### 3. Read together



#### Read TO and WITH your child

- 83% of children of all ages say they “loved” or “liked a lot” being read to aloud
- 40% of kids ages 6 to 11 whose parents have stopped reading aloud to them say they wish their parents had continued

Source: “The State of Kids and Reading” by The Kids and Family Reading Report, 2014

### 4. Listen to read-alouds

Using audio and highlighting text can improve:

- pronunciation
- fluency
- motivation
- recall
- test scores



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### 5. Talk about reading growth

Ask your child how their reading level is improving and aim to make your conversations about growth.

