

EASY Daily Reading

There are always opportunities to read with your child on a daily basis.

PLAY GAMES! Do you have a new game? Have your child read the directions; then teach the family the rules.

COOK TOGETHER. Have your child read and follow the steps in a recipe or the directions on the outside of the box.

PLAN A VACATION OR OUTING. Give your child a “job” to research your destination online or in a book. Discuss the information together as a family as you make your plans!

READ TOGETHER. Let your child select a book; you obtain a second copy of that book. Set a time to read together (for example, maybe 30 minutes before bedtime). Discuss the book together. Who are the characters? What is the setting? What is the main conflict? What would your child do in this situation?

INCORPORATE MUSIC. Does your child play an instrument or participate in choir? Ask them what songs they are currently using in class and ask them to pull up the lyrics. Read the lyrics together as a poem and try to locate figurative language.

RECYCLE A STORY. As a family, recycle a favorite fairy tale by rewriting it to be modern, to be more humorous, or to include some of the characters in your family.

OUT TO DINNER. Read the menu together; when your child makes a menu selection, ask what is included in the meal. Go to a Chinese restaurant; locate everyone's birthday on the Chinese calendar and discuss whether or not the characters each person.

GROCERY SHOPPING. Pick up the sales flyer on the way in. Have your child read and locate items that your family uses on a regular basis that are on sale. Read labels together; how do the store brands compare to name brand items? Does anyone in the family have a food allergy that requires you to read all the ingredients?

MOVIE: Ask your child to check the listing for all the movie theaters in the area to locate show times. Redbox or Netflix? Ask your child to read the description while the family decides on a selection.

ON THE ROAD ACTIVITIES!

Use audio books! Discuss the book together as a family!

Environmental print is the print that we are immersed in on a day-to-day basis. Talk about the writing on road signs and billboards; have your child read a map (yes, a real map, not electronic).

Long trip...play scrabble on the road using license plates of the other cars on the road.

Have your child search the internet for activities to do on the trip. Have them create a travel document with addresses and hours of operation. Your child can then label a road map for the trip.

MODEL! Let your child see you reading; talk about what you are reading.

