



TIPS FOR PARENTS OF YOUNG READERS

Read, Read, and Read

Be sure your child reads to you and you read to your child at least once a day. This is the most important thing parents can do to help their children become better readers

Read It Again

Children should be encouraged to re-read favorite books, poems, and rhymes. Fluency is improved through re-reading

Wait Patiently

When your child is trying to sound out unfamiliar words, allow as much time as needed. Suggest to your child to look at letters, and/or parts of the unknown words

Choose the Right Book

Books that are too difficult will frustrate your child. Pick books that will help your child experience success every time he/she reads

I Read, You Read

Take turns reading at bedtime and at other times during the day

It's a Privilege

Reward your child with an extra story, or with extra minutes of reading after going to bed

Talk To Your Child

Engage your child in lots of conversations about daily routines, about stories read, making connections with the characters. Use rich vocabulary in your conversations and try to add interesting words into the conversation

Keep the TV Off

Encourage reading as a free-time activity, and not an activity that competes with television

Visit the Library

Schedule regular trips to the library and take advantage of the various summer activities offered at the Carey Library

