



WHY PROVIDE AN ABUNDANCE OF READING MATERIAL?

With lots of reading materials available, children are encouraged to read. When children see adults reading, they learn the importance of reading.



How To Provide Opportunities To Read

Make Connections for Your Child.

Fascinated by trains? Princesses? There's a book about that!

- Find books or other reading materials related to your child's interests, hobbies, and activities.
- Share books or other reading materials that relate to your child's cultural background and experiences.

Surround Your Child With Books.

Have a variety of reading materials around the house every day.

- Provide lots of reading material in your home that your child can access. This encourages learning in your home.
- Read books and other digital and print resources to your children. This will help them gain skills needed throughout their lives.
- Start building a home library by visiting garage sales, thrift stores, and library giveaways.

Make a Reading Nook.

Having an abundance of books in the home shows reading is important.

- Read different kinds of materials together and talk about their purpose.
- Find a quiet, cozy spot to read together with your child.
- Make reading time a fun part of your routine and encourage your child to try new kinds of books and materials.

Model Reading.

When adults value reading, children learn to value reading too.

- Have your child see you reading for pleasure and purpose. For example:
 - Show your child how you read a recipe when cooking a new dish.
 - Let your child see you reading a magazine or a novel, or even the back of a cereal box.
 - Talk with your child about what you read and what you are learning as you read.