



Ways Parents Can Support Reading and Writing at Home



1. Read to your child and have him or her read to you every day for at least 15 minutes. Pick out words that might be new to your child or words that have multiple or complex meanings. Discuss those words and how they add to what the writer is saying.
2. Ask your child to retell a story in his or her own words by telling what happened first, second, third, etc.
3. Ask your child to think about what the message of a story may be or what he or she learned from an informational book or article.
4. Look for opportunities in everyday places to build your child's vocabulary.
5. Be sure your child has a library card. Children should select books in which they are interested to develop a passion for reading. Many libraries have book clubs and family activities that make reading fun for the entire family. Since the Woodside Public Library is closed for renovation, the Portola Valley Library is the next closest at 765 Portola Road, (650) 851-0560.
6. Use technology to help build your child's interest in reading. There are several websites where students can build their letter/sound recognition and read books online. The teachers highly recommend www.starfall.com. The computer will help with words the student cannot read independently.