

HOW TO RAISE A READER!

10 Tips for Parents

- 1** Take turns reading aloud. Taking turns is fun and can make reading less daunting!
- 2** Use picture clues! Show your child how to look at the pictures to see what the story is about.
- 3** Guess what happens next! When your young reader guesses what happens next in the story, it becomes a game—and it is a great way to reinforce reading comprehension!
- 4** Have your child describe a character and then guess which one it is.
- 5** Kids are like adults—we all prefer to read about things that interest us! Pick books that have topics your child is interested in, such as animals, sports, or dance.
- 6** When you read books aloud, have fun with the voices. Try using a different voice for each character.
- 7** Have your child read to the dog! No kidding! Dogs are good, nonjudgmental listeners.
- 8** Be a role model. Let your child catch you reading. Encourage daily reading moments—like following directions in a cookie recipe, or reading a billboard.
- 9** Stay positive. Your job is to be reassuring and supportive, never critical. You want your child to look forward to reading and enjoy it. Reading is hard work and your encouragement goes far.
- 10** Celebrate success! A progress chart, stickers, or getting to pick the next story are great motivators for kids!

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