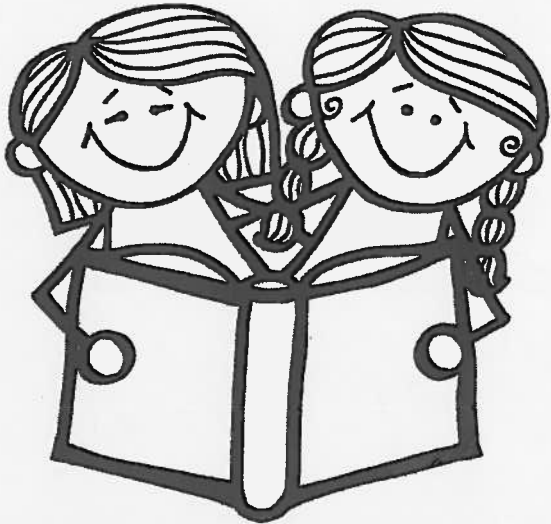


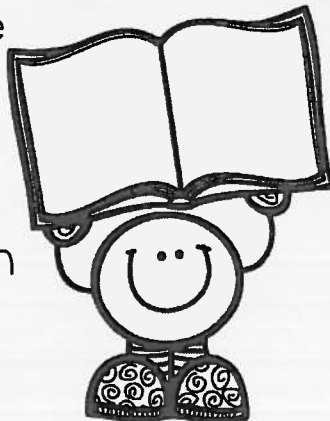
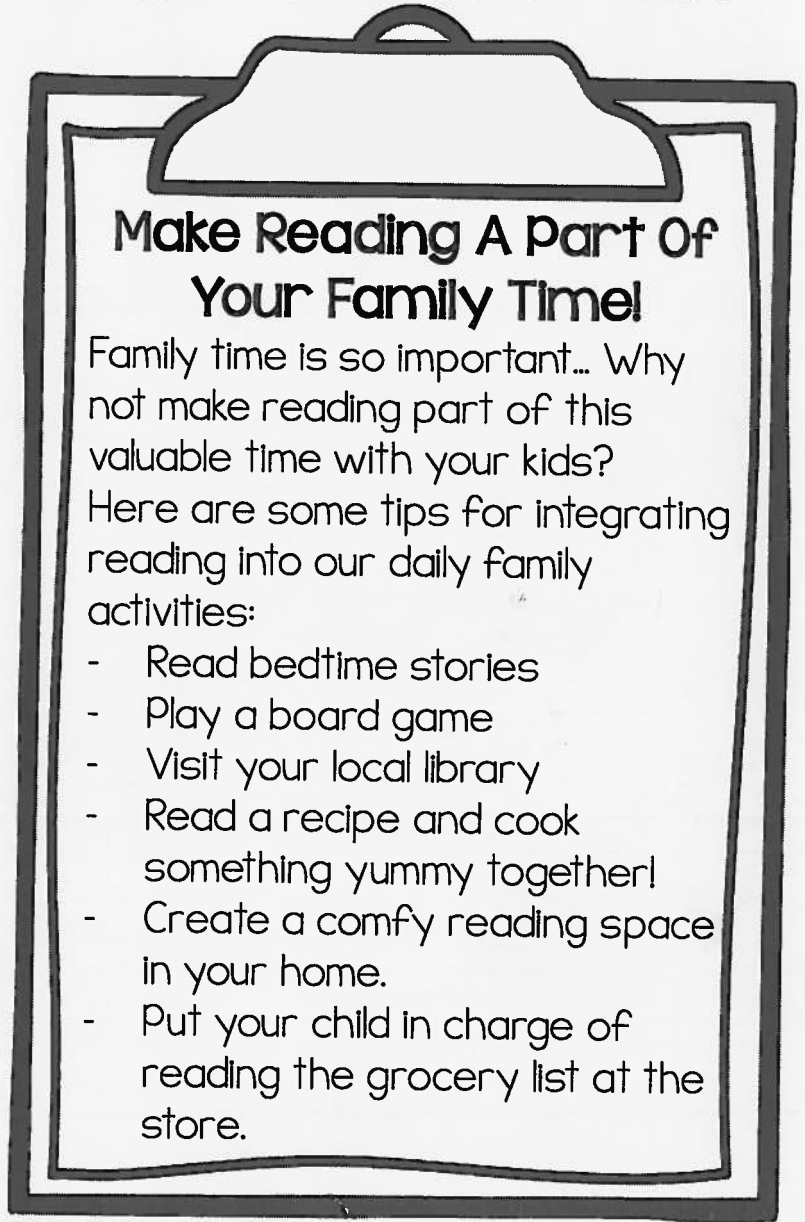
# Reading At Home...

## Can Make A HUGE Difference!



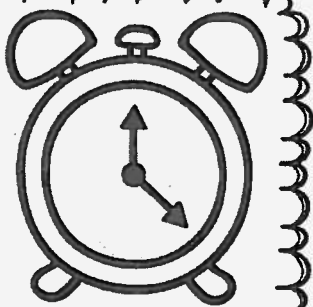
### Choose Books That Are At An Appropriate Reading Level For Your Child

- ☐ Use the five finger rule. Open the book to any page and ask your child to read. Put up a finger every time your child does not know a word. If you have put up more than five fingers before the end of the page, this book is too hard for your child.
- ☐ Choose books that match your child's likes and interests.



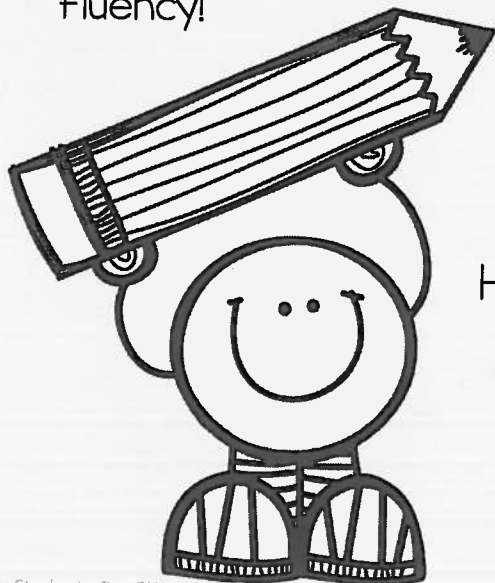
Keep plenty of reading materials in your home: books, magazines, newspapers, and comic books. Children enjoy having a variety of reading materials!

15-20  
minutes is  
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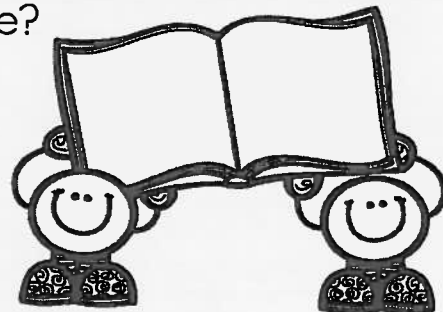
## How To Read With A Beginning Reader:

- Encourage your child to use his/her finger to point to each word.
- Read a sentence and have your child repeat it.
- Take turns reading a sentence each or a page each.
- Talk about the story as you read it. What do you think will happen next? What does this story remind you of? How do you think this character feels?
- Don't be afraid to read the same book again! Repeated reading helps build reading fluency!



## Check For Understanding

- ✓ Start the book by making predictions. What do you think will happen in this story?
- ✓ Ask questions and make comments during the reading process.
- ✓ After reading a book, have your child tell you the events from the story in the correct order.
- ✓ What was the problem in this story?
- ✓ How did the character feel when...?
- ✓ Encourage your child to make connections. Does this story remind you of another book you read, an event in your life, a movie?



## Read Books Online!

There are many fun and interactive websites for literacy. Here are a few FREE online resources:

[www.starfall.com](http://www.starfall.com)

[www.speakaboos.com](http://www.speakaboos.com)

[www.spellingcity.com](http://www.spellingcity.com)

[www.wegivebooks.org](http://www.wegivebooks.org)

<http://interactivesites.weebly.com>

# How do I get my 20 minutes?

- Read during snack time
- Keep a few books in the car
- Make a set time to read aloud to your child—even if it's for 5 minutes!
- Add reading into transitions—reading while you clean up lunch or finish getting ready to leave
- Read everything! Signs, food boxes, magazines, etc.
- Keep books by the bed
- Have a set time for your child to read quietly to themselves
- Play reading games—hangman, Brain Quest, etc.
- Read while you wait at a restaurant or doctor's office
- Listen to stories online. Try Storyline Online!
- Read activity books, such as cookbooks for kids or Klutz books.

# READING ISN'T JUST ON PAPER

With all the new technology there are more ways to read than ever! Spark your child's interest by introducing them to digital reading using a computer, laptop, tablet or mobile device. Check out these great online resources for digital reading! Please note some of these resources are free and some require a subscription.

## FREE RESOURCES

- <http://www.starfall.com>
- <http://www.wegivebooks.org>
- <http://www.speakaboos.com>
- <http://www.storylineonline.net>
- <http://www.readtomely.com>
- <http://www.barnesandnoble.com/u/online-storytime-books-toys/379003588/>
- <http://en.childrenslibrary.org>
- <http://www.abcya.com>
- <http://ngexplorer.cengage.com/ngyoungexplorer/index.html>
- <http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk>
- <http://reading.ecb.org>
- <http://www.seussville.com>

## PAID RESOURCES

- <http://www.tumblebooks.com>
- <http://www.abcmouse.com>
- <https://www.readinga-z.com>
- <http://readingeggs.com>

