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By reading a variety of books they'll be able to branch out more and discover new things. Reading for pleasure helps students build their vocabulary and fosters a lifelong love of literature. Kids this age may also be looking for books that help them figure out social challenges, from coping with friends and rejection to handling bullying and other conflicts. This age group likes more complex storylines and characters, and they like to "read between the lines."



Reading Tips

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