

Did you know ...



Studies show that children whose family and caregivers read with them every day become better readers, and children who visit their public library regularly are more likely to become library users when they grow up. When you cuddle up with your child to read a book together you are giving your child your full attention, which makes them feel safe and loved. Studies also show that children who have lots of books in their homes, which include books they own and books they borrow, have an easier time learning to read.

Here's how your family can read more:



- ❖ **Collect more books.** You can find low-cost books at yard sales, thrift stores, and library book sales. Suggest books as gifts from family and friends. Let your child check out books from the school library to bring home.
- ❖ **Build a home library.** Help your child arrange their books on a bookshelf or in bins so they can easily find the books they are looking for.
- ❖ **Visit your public library often.** Sign up for a library card if you don't have one. Make family library visits a special day or week — something your child can look forward to.
- ❖ **Make reading joyful!** Let your child choose the books that interest them. Read the books your child chooses over and over again, no matter how many times you've read them. Ask a librarian to help find books that are similar to your child's favorites. Even after your child starts reading on their own, keep reading to them every day!

Read



Saturday by Oge Mora



A mother and daughter look forward to their special Saturday routine together every single week. But this Saturday one thing after another goes wrong, starting with storytime at the library. Though all their plans are ruined, they come to realize that being together is the most important thing of all.



Oge Mora is the author of the award-winning picture book *Thank You, Omu!*

Choose Books



Here are some fun books to read with your kindergartener as a family:

Bats at the Library by Brian Lies

Charlie Cook's Favorite Book by Julia Donaldson

Dewey: There's a Cat in the Library! by Vicki Myron and Bret Witter

Interrupting Chicken and the Elephant of Surprise by David Ezra Stein

The Library Dragon by Carmen Agra Deedy

Library Mouse by Daniel Kirk

Madeline Finn and the Library Dog by Lisa Papp

Tomás and the Library Lady by Pat Mora

When the Library Lights Go Out by Megan McDonald

Talk



Children’s picture books contain more “rare” words than what is heard on television throughout the day. As you read with your child each day, talk about some of the rare words you run across, rather than finding simpler words to replace them. If you’re not sure what the word means, look it up together or ask someone else. This is good modeling for when children find words they don’t know.

Write



Post a calendar in your child’s room. Help them write down special occasions or events. Talk with your child each morning: “Today is Monday. It is a school day. Tomorrow is Tuesday, and it is Grandma’s birthday!” Connecting events to the



days on which they occur helps children remember which day it is. Here's a song you can sing each morning:

Sing



Day of the Week Song

(To the tune of “Are You Sleeping?”)

Today is day of the week,

Today is _____,

All day long, all day long.

Yesterday day was _____,

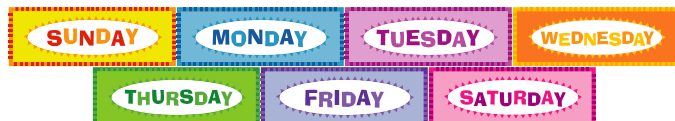
Tomorrow will be _____,

Oh, what fun!

Oh, what fun!

Hear the tune:

www.bussongs.com/songs/are-you-sleeping



Play



Storytime

When the sun lights up the sky,
(wave arms above head)

I sit right up and rub my eyes.
(rub eyes)

I dress myself with greatest care,
(pretend to step into pants)

I brush my teeth and comb my hair.
(pretend to brush teeth and comb hair)

Then off to story hour I go,
(march in place)

To hear the stories that I love so.

Visit your local library for storytimes, fun activities, and much more!



At your library ...



Idaho Family Reading Week is an annual statewide celebration of reading as a family activity. Ask your librarian if the library is planning special events and programs planned for Idaho Family Reading Week, November 4 — 10, 2024.