

Parents Get Involved

Reading together is a great activity to make reading fun for your child. When students are strong readers, they're prepared for success in school and in life. Parents are key partners in supporting reading success.

Tips and tricks to get your child excited about reading:



1 CHOOSE THE RIGHT BOOKS

Make sure the books your child is reading match their interests and are at just the right level—not too hard and not too easy. Ask your child's teacher or a librarian for help selecting books.

2 FIND OPPORTUNITIES IN EVERYDAY ACTIVITIES

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3 BE A READING ROLE MODEL

Children often copy the things they see the adults around them doing. Take time to read for yourself each day, and talk to your child about your favorite books, authors, and stories.

Learn more at <https://www.education.ne.gov/nebraskareads>.



Make Reading a Fun Activity



Reading doesn't have to be a stressful activity—in fact reading fosters imagination and creativity.



Encourage your child to read by turning reading time into fun activities:

1

PICK A WORD OF THE DAY

Select a common word, such as "open" or "juice" and make it your family's word of the day. Have each member look for it when they're out and about, reading, or watching television. At dinner time, have everyone share where they saw the word throughout their day.

2

PICK A DIY CRAFT OR BAKE A CAKE

DIY projects and activities like cooking or baking are excellent reading opportunities! Have your child read the instructions aloud before completing each step.

3

USE REFRIGERATOR MAGNETS TO PRACTICE SPELLING

Spelling and reading go hand-in-hand. Stick a set of alphabet magnets to your fridge and have your child spell out words.

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The Nebraska Reading Improvement Act and NebraskaREADS



HELPING NEBRASKA STUDENTS BECOME STRONG READERS TO POSITION THEM FOR FUTURE SUCCESS.

NebraskaREADS provides tools and resources to support high-quality reading instruction for all Nebraska students. At the heart of the Nebraska Reading Improvement Act is high-quality literacy instruction and early identification of students who need extra reading help, so they receive targeted intervention and supports in kindergarten through third grade.

SPECIALIZED READING SUPPORTS INCLUDE: INDIVIDUALIZED READING IMPROVEMENT PLANS (IRIPs).

Students identified as having a reading difficulty receive an IRIP within 30 days of identification. The plan may be created in collaboration with parents.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Summer reading programs are available for any student in grades 1-3 who has been identified as continuing to have a reading difficulty.

MONITOR PROGRESS

Students take a total of three assessments throughout the year to keep teachers, schools, and parents up to date on reading progress.

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Take Advantage of Summer!

Summer provides a great opportunity to spend more time reading. Check out these tips and resources to keep the whole family reading this summer!

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2 FIND OPPORTUNITIES IN EVERYDAY ACTIVITIES

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3 MAKE USE OF GREAT SUPPORTS

From libraries, to community centers, to websites, there are a great deal of wonderful resources out there to keep your child engaged in reading. Check out Learning Heroes for great tips at <https://belearninghero.org>.

Learn more at <https://www.education.ne.gov/ll/summer-learning-programs>.

