



Parent Reading Workshop

Wednesday, May 21, 2022

Reading requires two skills

Phonics and Word Recognition

- The ability to recognize words presented in and of context
- The ability to blend letter sounds (phonemes) together to read words

Understanding

- The ability to understand the meaning of the words and sentences in a text
- The ability to understand ideas, information, and themes in a text
- If a child understands what they hear, they will understand the same information when they read

What to do if your child is stuck?

- Use phonic first:
 - What sound does the word begin with?
 - Can you say the sounds in the word?
 - Blend them together
- What is the text about-what might fit here?
- Does it sound right?
- Look at the picture.
Does it help?

Example:

John let his pet frog go.

It *****across the grass.

What is the first sound?

It **h******* across the grass.

What would make sense?

It **hopping** across the grass.

Does that sound right?

It **hopped** across the grass.

Use the pictures to help and support.

Phonics and Word Recognition

Understanding (Comprehension)

- Being able to read does not mean you understand what you read.
- Your child might sound like a good reader but may not necessarily understand what the text means.
- The best way to develop understanding is to talk about text.
- Book talk to make your child **THINK**

Questions to ask your child to check in on their reading (Closed Questions)

Kindergarten Questions

- Check the picture and use the first sound to think 'what could make sense that starts like that?'
- 'What could make sense that ends like that?'
- Can you read it like the character would say it?
- Point under the words. Does it match?
- What happened at the beginning, middle, end?
- Can you predict what will happen next after reading this far in the story?
- Who is your character? Why?

Elementary Questions

- Did you check across the work to make sure all parts are correct?
- Read again and see if you can fix this word before you move on (Wait a beat, then point to the tricky word and prompt: "Does it make sense? Does it sound right? Does it look right?")
- Can you Retell the story?
- How might the character have behaved differently? What was the problem and how was it solved (or if not solved, why not)? What's the big message the author is trying to give us?

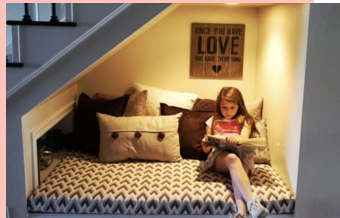
Middle School Questions

- What's the big thing happening in this chapter? Did anyone change? Did anyone realize something? How do the other characters fit into this story? Why are they important to understanding the main character's life?
- I didn't expect the character to act that way...did you? Why do you think he behaved like that? What do you think is going on here? How have the relationships in this book changed since you started reading?
- What do you think is motivating this character? What are you thinking about who this character is as a person?

Ask questions that cannot be answered with yes or no

How can I help at home?

- Understand it is not a test and it is not a race
- Create a quiet and comfortable reading environment
- Make reading visible; have books available in your home for different purpose
 - Cook books
 - Newspapers
 - Internet pages
 - Novels
 - Instructional manuals



- Plan reading into your daily routine
- Talk about books, talk about what is happening and what might happen next. Don't just read them
- Read slowly, with expression. Try to use different and funny voices for characters.
- Introduce them to different types of books; classic fiction, chapter books, short stories, poetry, non-fiction

What can I ask my child's teacher about my child as a reader?

- What type of growth have you seen this year so far?
- What is my child's reading goal right now?
- What can I do at home to help my child grow?
- Is there something particular to their level?
- What kind of books should we be looking for at the library/bookstore?

Reading Links



Tips on Reading at Home



[Click Here](#)

Information to teach your child the necessary skills to be a successful reader



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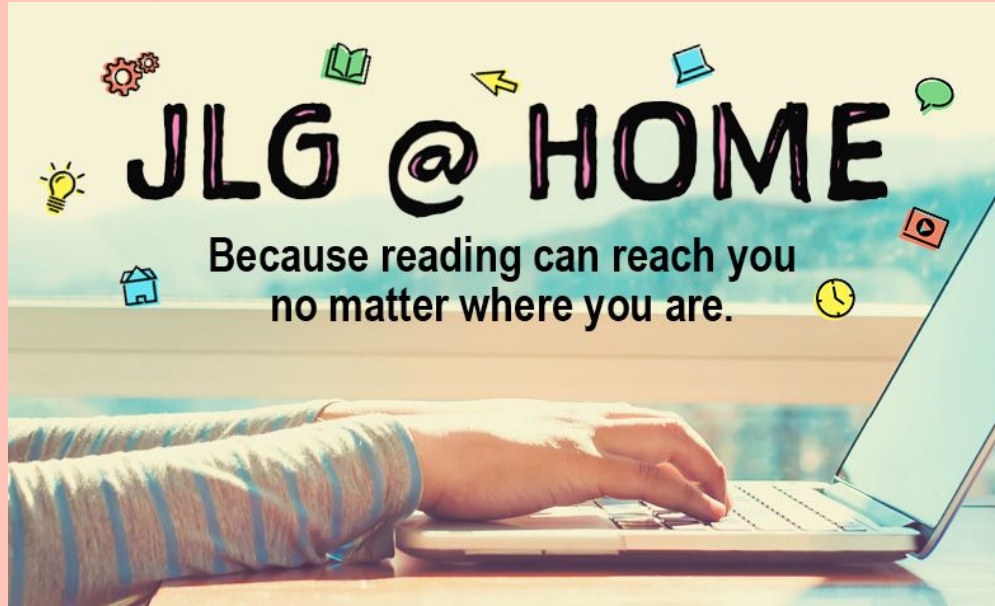
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Author #'s to checkout on Instagram

#middlegrademondays (middle grade authors reading from the first chapter of their books...first one was Dusti Bowling!)

#drawwithmatt (illustrator extraordinaire Matt Tavares will do some drawings for you)

#MrPandaFriday (LOVE Steve Antony the author of the Mr. Panda books. I also love donuts!)

#savewithstories (famous people read stories and support children's charities)

Authors to checkout on Youtube

The Aaron Reynold's Stay-At-Home Show!
(author of Creepy Pair of Underwear)

Grace Lin will post chapter reads on Tuesdays and draw alongs on Thursday.
(We loved Big Mooncake for Little Star!)

[Dav Pilkey at Home](#) - Get creative and have fun with some of your favorite characters.

[Lunch Doodles](#) with Mo Willems

[Click here for many MORE!!](#)



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Cincinnati Zoo



Brookfield Zoo



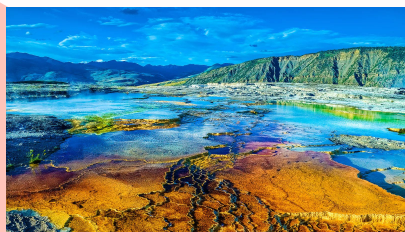
Monterey Bay Aquarium



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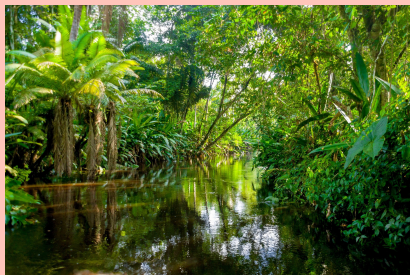
Yellowstone National Park



White House



Buckingham Palace



Rainforest



Ellis Island



Smithsonian Natural History



The Great Pyramids



International Space Station



Grand Canyon

More Virtual Field Trips!



Oh, the places you'll go!

Reading gives us someplace to
go when we have to stay
where we are.

Mason Cooley

