

**Reading and Writing  
Day by Day for Parents  
The New Standards  
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1. Read with your child every day.
2. Regularly listen to your child read to you.
3. Turn off the TV to read and help your child with homework.
4. Make sure your child often sees you reading newspapers, magazines and books.
5. Share family stories and make up your own bedtime stories.
6. Read street signs with your child, write shopping lists or letters together, and play word games as a family.
7. Visit the library with your child.
8. Talk to your child's teacher to find out what students are learning in class.
9. Encourage your child to write lists, stories and poems.
10. Talk with your child about favorite characters or events in books.
11. Ask your child what happened in books you read together.
12. Display your child's drawings and writings in your home.
13. Find books to match your child's interests (cars or animals or sports or pyramids, for example).
14. Encourage your child to act out stories in plays or puppet shows with friends, brothers or sisters.
15. Make summertime reading time! Encourage your child to read every day in the summer.
16. Play rhyming games, sing songs with rhymes and play with the sounds of words.