

Help your child connect with reading



Your child might be learning to read, but that doesn't mean he will automatically love the task. You can help your child make connections with what he's reading, which may develop his interest in it. For example, you can:

- **Ask questions that encourage your child** to relate to what he's reading. "The main character in your book had to face a fear. What fears have you faced? How has that made you feel?"
- **Be flexible about what your child reads.** If he's not interested in reading a novel, have him read a comic book or a how-to article. Then talk about what he has read.
- **Create family routines that are based on reading.** Make it a habit to read together on a regular basis. Visit the library together, hold regular reading nights,



act out plays together. When your child associates reading with fun, he'll look forward to your family reading activities.

- **Surround your child with positive messages** about reading. Keep a wide variety of materials around the house. Set an example to show him that reading is an important part of your life. Show respect for your child's reading choices by encouraging him to read what he likes best.