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| **Reading Tips** |
| Children are never too young or too old to read with you! Did you know reading with your child just 15 minutes a day can boost their success in school?  |
| New words are everywhere! When driving, shopping for groceries, or doing chores, point out printed letters and words to help boost your child’s reading skills.  |
| You can help increase your child’s vocabulary simply by reading together. Explain new words, and encourage your child to say the words back to you.  |
| Making reading with your child a daily routine! Just 15 minutes of reading a day can boost your child’s success in school. Visit your local library to get a wide variety of books to read together.  |
| Sorting items together can help your child grow his or her language and problem-solving skills. Try sorting laundry or other items as you go about your daily routine, and use descriptive words such as big and small or smooth and rough.  |
| Helping your child get excited about books can help your child become a better reader. Set an example by modeling reading and making reading together a part of your daily routine.  |
| Make reading together fun! As you read to a child, ask questions about the story and pictures. Make connections between the story and your child’s life by asking questions like “what would YOU do next?” and “what do you see on the page?”  |
| Storytelling can help your child develop reading skills. As you go about your day together, describe objects and events for your child and encourage your child to do the same.  |
| Your child can learn new words through singing, rhyming, and playing. Introduce new words with songs and rhyming books from your local library. Reenact favorite stories and songs together to use new vocabulary in a fun way.  |