

## Raising Readers: Tips for Parents



# Preventing the Summer Slide

## Fun and Easy Ideas for Reading at Home

- 1. Set aside a family reading time each day or several times each week.
- 2. Give books or magazines as gifts for birthdays, holidays or other important celebrations.
- 3. Make regular trips as a family to the library or book store.

## What Else Can Families Do?

- 1. Listen to audio books as a family while driving or relaxing at home.
- 2. Start a 15-minute late bedtime reading routine at your home.
- 3. Kids love series books. Make Arthur, Junie B. Jones, Lemony Snicket, The American Girls, and Greg Heffley (Wimpy Kid), Judy Moody, and Captain Underpants part of your family.

## What Else Can Families Try?

- 1. Play word games as a family. Try traditional games such as Scrabble and Hangman. Play new games such as Scrabble Flash, Blurt, Banagrams and Apples to Apples Jr. Check out online word games at [word-games.pogo.com](http://word-games.pogo.com). Even the Wii and Nintendo DS offer word games.
- 2. Become a family of word wizards and your child will learn over 200 words a year (and develop a love of vocabulary).
- 3. Stash books, magazines and reading/writing tools where your children will be. Access = more reading!

## Any More Ideas?

- 1. Be a reading role model.
- 2. Read comics, jokes, riddles and puns together. Some great humor sites for kids are: [jokesbykids.com](http://jokesbykids.com), [buzzle.com/articles/puns-for-kids.html](http://buzzle.com/articles/puns-for-kids.html), [justriddlesandmore.com/kidsriddles.html](http://justriddlesandmore.com/kidsriddles.html)
- 3. Plan a book/magazine swap in your neighborhood or at you school.



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