

How to support your child with growing as a reader

What can I do at home to work with my child on reading and literacy?

Empower your child's literacy journey right in the comfort of your own home – because when it comes to literacy, every moment is an opportunity to grow. In "[Talking is Teaching](#)," discover how simple daily activities like talking, reading, and singing can supercharge your child's language skills. Cultivate a lifelong love for reading and writing with the "[Literacy at Home](#)" guide from Reading Rockets. Inside, you'll find expert advice on nurturing your young reader and writer, complete with [Family Literacy Activities](#) you can easily incorporate into your daily routine. Plus, the "[Tips for Supporting Reading Skills at Home](#)" offer practical guidance across four key areas: engaging conversations, mastering sentence and syllable structure, smooth word sounding, and the art of reading fluently. These resources ensure your child's language development knows no bounds. Start shaping a brighter future through the magic of words today!



How can I understand all of the complexities of the science of reading?

Reading Rockets' "[Reading 101: A Guide for Parents](#)" is your trusty companion, offering grade-specific reading guidance from PreK to 2nd grade. Dive into mini-guides that demystify various reading aspects like phonics, fluency, and vocabulary. But that's not all! Their extensive website is a treasure trove of resources for both parents and young readers, packed with insights on literacy.



Oakland Reads takes the torch and illuminates the path to literacy mastery. With their fantastic guides available in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Arabic, and Chinese, they're here to support not just Oakland parents but also those from all corners. The "[Reading Skill Overview](#)" serves as your portal into the core reading skills. Through engaging overviews and videos, you'll unravel the mysteries of phonological awareness, fluency, and phonics—the building blocks of reading. And let's not forget the "[Age/grade level milestones](#)," your roadmap to understanding what reading should look and sound like at each stage, with essential milestones to aim for.

How can I know if my child is getting good reading instruction?

"[Reading Instruction at Your Child's School](#)" is your essential guide to ensuring your child is on the right track. This concise and informative resource equips parents with a set of invaluable questions to ask their child's school about the methods used for teaching reading. With this guide, you can confidently engage with your child's school and decipher the responses. **Learn which answers are indicative of systematic and research-based instruction**, signaling a strong foundation for your child's literacy skills. **Identify potential red flags** that may hint at less effective teaching methods, ensuring that your child receives the best reading education possible. "Reading Instruction at Your Child's School" empowers you to advocate for your child's educational excellence.

How can I advocate for my child's literacy needs?

Advocating for your child's literacy needs is a crucial step in ensuring their educational success. Here are some valuable tips from the [National Center for Improving Literacy](#):

- **Review:** Learn about the school's system of support for literacy and where your child fits within that system.
- **Record:** Keep a notebook and folder of information and communications about your child's reading and writing.
- **Request:** Talk with other parents and families who have similar experiences. Find out about your district's special education support, like special education advisory committees, and attend PTA meetings
- **Refer:** Ask the school about opportunities to provide input on literacy approaches and practices and help make decisions.

For those concerned about their child's literacy struggles, the National Center offers resources like "[Why some kids struggle and how to help](#)" and "[If you suspect your child has a reading difficulty](#)" to better understand the challenges your child may face and strategies to support them. If you suspect your child has a reading difficulty, refer to "[My child is struggling with reading, what do I do?](#)" for guidance.

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