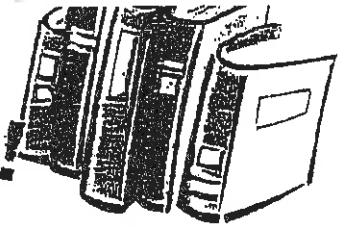


# Family Literacy!



Reading is such an important part of your child's life. Family literacy is a way for parents to become involved in helping their child's success in school. If a child sees a parent or an adult enjoying reading, the child will too enjoy reading. Not only are you helping the future of your child, but you get a first hand look at the progress and successes your child is making. The relationship between a parent and a child can grow stronger with each page in a book. There is so much to learn and explore by opening a book . . . why not experience it *with* your child?

Reading outside of school and homework can be difficult with the busy schedules of family life. In knowing this, I have created ways in which you can expose your child to the wonders of books. The following are suggestions you can try at home to increase your family literacy:

1. Public Libraries offer FREE library cards in which you may check out children's books for a designated period of time. Not only can you check out books, but other resources such as books on tape and informational books.
2. Books on tape are a great way for children to hear stories while you are driving in the car. Family's fast pace and busy schedules require a lot of driving throughout the week. Therefore, if you do not have enough time to read the book, work on the child's listening comprehension.
3. Make your own family books. Each member of the family can contribute to making this book by creating pages to include. Children tend to begin reading what they have written or illustrated. This is a way for children to create ownership in their work, and take pride in a family project!
4. Reading to a child before bed is another great way to increase family literacy. This may only take five to ten minutes on some occasions, but others night might require more reading. Yet, the child still needs to sleep so why not read them a book at to get them there?
5. Purchasing books for your home library will also help a child read. The more book exposure they have, the stronger reader they will become in the future.