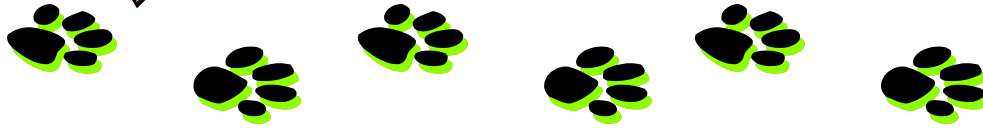




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How to Help Your Child with Reading Comprehension

Good reading skills are important for children to perform well academically. Poor reading skills can lead to behavior problems and low self-esteem. Parents can assist teachers in helping their children learn to read and understand what they read.

Step 1 Talk to babies constantly, even before they can respond. Children who are spoken to learn how to talk earlier and how to make sense of words and sentences.

Step 2 Read to children and discuss the content of the books so that children come to realize that writing is a form of communication just as talking is.

Step 3 Buy books as presents for children and teach them that books are valuable possessions. Buy books that are about interests the child already has. Set up a reading corner with a comfortable chair and lamp.

Step 4 Discuss the books you read to expand your child's understanding. Talk to the child about his own experiences and how they may relate to the story. Parents should talk to children about their own experiences and listen intently as their children share.

Step 5 Bring your child to the library and help choose a library book. Check out books regularly and spend time reading together. Talk about:

- why the author may have written the book,
- what the main idea or theme is,
- cause-effect situations where the child identifies that one event or events caused something else,
- characters and how they are alike or different, and
- the setting and time of the book or story and how they are like or different from where and when the child lives.

Remember: Children learn from example and model the behaviors they see at home. Provide your children with an environment that includes time for reading. Let them see you read.

*** Please remember to send your Piggly Wiggly receipts to school!

