

# Supporting Confident Readers

*As children become confident readers, they grow by reading more complex texts, talking about what they read, and building knowledge about the world. These activities help strengthen fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension.*



## Read Aloud

Encourage your child to read aloud to build fluency and expression. First model by echo reading (adult reads and child repeats or choral reading (read together)).

They might read to:

- a younger sibling
- a stuffed animal or pet
- a friend or family member (in person or by recording a short video)

Reading aloud helps children practice smooth, accurate, and expressive reading.



## Visit the Library

Make visiting the public library part of your routine. Help your child explore different genres and series that interest them. Librarians are a great resource for finding books that match your child's interests and reading level.



## Play Word & Language Games

Games that involve words and spelling patterns help build vocabulary and flexible thinking.

Try games such as Boggle, Scrabble, Wordle, or crosswords, and talk about the meaning of new or interesting words as you play.



## Build Background Knowledge

Encourage reading about topics your child is curious about (animals, sports, space, history, how things work).

Reading to learn builds background knowledge, which makes understanding future texts easier.



## Explore Different Texts & Genres

Reading is not just for books. Encourage your child to read:

- instructions and recipes
- magazines and newspapers
- graphic novels and comics
- signs, maps, and informational texts

Reading a variety of texts helps children learn that reading is a useful, everyday skill and providing choice in materials will increase their motivation.



## Read Every Day!

Daily reading continues to have a powerful impact on learning. Encourage your child to read independently and talk together about what they are reading.

You might try:

- a mini book club where you both read and discuss the same book
- taking turns reading pages or chapters aloud
- asking questions such as:
  - "What is this book about?"
  - "Why do you think the character acted that way?"

If your child seems resistant to reading, consider how often they see you reading for enjoyment. Modeling matters!