

Reading Tips for the Parents of Children in Grade 2

- Read and talk with your child each day. Encourage your child to read and share their reading and writing assignments from school with you.
- Be sure to show interest and listen what they are reading and saying and encourage your child to read aloud to you often.
- Help your child to understand when words are capitalized and that words are read differently depending on the type of punctuation. Model how excited your voice becomes if a sentence has an exclamation point (!) at the end of it.
- Encourage your child to write stories, letters and lists. Provide large-lined paper and the letters of the alphabet to help them become confident writers. Children should use a pencil and have an eraser nearby so they can erase mistakes.
- Sit or lay closely with your child and ask them to read to you. Encourage them to identify the words they know and words they don't know. Establish a reading time everyday (at bedtime, before or after meals).
- When reading, show your child how to make good guesses about what bigger words mean. Encourage them to find words within words to give them clues about a word's meaning. Example: booklet has the word book in it.....
- Play board games and computer games with your child that promotes simple writing or reading. Board games like, Scrabble and Spell Time teach literacy skills. Your child's teacher may have games you can borrow too!
- Encourage your child to create their own book collection and to choose books that interest them at the library. Remember that your local public library may have story hours or activities that your child can participate in
- It is important to ask your child questions that will require them to talk and explain. If you ask them a question that only requires a response of yes or no your child may not explain more details to you. Ask your child questions every day:
 - What kind of fun things did you do in school today?
 - Who did you learn/play with?
 - What was your favorite part of the day?

