



WHY PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES TO READ?

Families of

K-3 Children

Having a print-rich environment encourages your child to read. Reading a variety of materials often impacts your child’s literacy growth and has lasting effects on his or her education.



Provide a Quiet Space.

Show the importance of reading.

- Give your child a small, comfortable, quiet space where he or she can read without distraction.
- Offering a desk, a corner, or just a spot at the kitchen table where your child can read daily shows the importance of reading.

Make Use of Resources.

Schools, libraries, and other agencies provide many free resources.

- Ask your child’s teacher to send home different reading materials to borrow.
- Get a library card and check out both digital and print materials regularly.
- Share reading material with neighbors and friends and look for reading material at yard sales and online.

Have Fun!

Develop a love for reading.

- Read different kinds of materials together and talk about their purpose.
- Make reading time a fun part of your routine and encourage your child to try new kinds of books and materials.

Set an Example.

Show your child that you read too.

- Talk about what you are reading, whether it is a book, the newspaper, or the weather forecast on your phone.
- Read labels and signs with your child.
- Try reading new types of books or materials and talk about what you learned or thought about while reading.

Tips and Resources: <https://rif.org>

Library Resources: <http://ilovelibraries.org>

Public Libraries in Michigan: <https://publiclibraries.com/state/michigan>

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