

Reading for All Tastes

Different books for different folks

Boys and girls tend to react to reading differently.

Boys may like to read things about sports or factual accounts together and talk about what they have read.

Boys can be more boisterous readers, but this does not mean that they are not reading.

Girls may like stories and curl up in a comfy chair to read by themselves and then talk about what they've read.

Boys seem to read for personal interest, action and success.

All children need to see the importance of reading in their everyday life.



Children are motivated to read things that interest them.

How can you help?

With your child:

- There are many children's magazines, such as Ranger Rick, Owl, and Chickadee. Ask family or friends for a children's magazine subscription as a gift for your child. It is great fun to get a new magazine in the mail each month.
- With your child, read parts of the newspaper that interest him or her.
- Make sure you have a selection of "fact" books at home. Your collection might include books about machines, how things work, dinosaurs, true stories, food, and disasters (e.g. The Titanic).
- Add to your collection by buying books at Value Village or Goodwill stores, and by trading with neighbours and relatives.

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Treasure Hunt

Create a treasure hunt for your child. The treasure can be a small gift such as a toy car or a box of crayons. Even though the treasure is small, reading the clues and finding the treasure can become a reading adventure your child will want to do over and over again.



Children who can't read can still enjoy treasure hunts. The clues can be written using some words and pictures which are hand drawn or taken from magazines. Do the treasure hunt with your child so that he or she will learn how it works.

Here are some treasure hunt tips:

- Give the first clue to your child and tell him or her to follow the clues to find a treasure. Here are sample clues:
 - hidden on a dining room chair,
 - in your coat pocket,
 - under the kitchen table.
- Make sure the treasure hunt is only as complicated as your child can manage easily.
- Help your child as much as necessary. The goal is to have a reading game that is fun, motivating and active.



First Clue	Second Clue
Third Clue	Fourth Clue

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