

Reading Tips for Students and Families

Grades 1–3

Enjoy a book on your own or with someone at home. Try these ideas together.



For readers

- **Pick a book you like**
Choose a book about something you enjoy.
- **Read with someone**
Take turns reading or listen as they read to you.
- **Try a new word**
Look at the letters. Say the sounds you know. Ask for help if you get stuck.
- **Stop and think**
What happened? What did you learn?
Read a part again if you need to.
- **Tell someone about your book**
Share your favorite part or draw a picture of it.

Try this with your book

- Draw your favorite part and talk about it.
- Tell what happened first, next, and last.
- Share something new you learned.
- Find a new word and use it in a sentence.

For families

- **Keep reading aloud**
Share books your child enjoys, including books they cannot yet read independently. Talk about interesting words and ideas.
- **Help without rushing**
Give your child time to work through a word using familiar letter sounds and word parts. If they remain stuck, provide the word and reread the sentence together.
- **Make it a conversation**
Ask “Why do you think that happened?” or “What surprised you?” Listen to their answer and share your thinking, too.
- **Notice their effort**
Try “You blended those sounds together,” or “You reread that part to understand it.” If reading is often difficult, ask their teacher which supports could help.

