



Tips for Involved Parents from Gwinnett County Public Schools

Be There is a national movement that inspires parents to become more involved in their children's education. Teachable moments are everywhere. Be your child's favorite teacher. Connect in meaningful ways and your simple actions will reap immense rewards at home, play, and school!

Resources to encourage your reader

Your child's teachers— both in Language Arts and across other subjects— do a great job supporting your child's development as a reader, writer, and thinker. However, school is not the only place for a literacy focus. Families have a part to play, too.

If you're looking for ways to promote literacy outside of the school day, the Internet is full of wonderful resources.

Here are just a few of our favorites from Read Write Think, a partnership of the International Reading Association and the National Council of Teachers of English.

Click on the titles in red to find these activities, projects, games, tools, tips, and how to's.

Puzzle Me Words (K-1) A fun, educational game to practice letter sounds.

Make the Most of Reading Aloud (K-2) Read-aloud techniques boost reading skills and promote family fun.

Make Time for Reading (K-2) Drop Everything and Read to foster a love of books.



Read the World Around You (K-3) Part treasure hunt, part reading lesson.

Let the Show Begin! Literary Talent Show (K-6) Plan a talent show for friends and family with favorite songs, poems, and stories.

Where Are We? Learning to Read Maps (3-5) Map reading is an essential skill.

Fractured Fairy Tales (K-5) and **Fractured Fairy Tales Activity (3-8)** Familiar fairy tales with a twist.

Help a Child Choose a Book (K-6) and **How to Help a Teen Choose a Book (6-12)** Appropriate and engaging titles encourage reading.

What's in This? Investigating Nutrition Information (6-8) Encourage healthful food choices with some careful reading of labels and a understanding of advertising.

Modeling Good Reading Habits With Teens (6-12) Find innovative ways to get both of you reading.

Motivating Teen Readers (6-12) Strategies for enticing your teen to read.

The site is stocked with more than 100 resources for each grade level, K-12. While you're there, subscribe to two monthly podcasts for recommended books for kids— *Chatting About Books (K-5)* and *Text Messages (6-12)*.



Together, we will be there for our students—
Gwinnett County Public Schools and YOU!

Make the ordinary extraordinary!

Resources: <http://www.readwritethink.org/parent-afterschool-resources/>