



Learning Links

Working Together for Student Success

Gilbertsville Elementary Reading and Intervention Teachers

Get 'em Hooked!

Does your child like to read? Many children spend hours and hours reading books, magazines, newspapers, and comic books— not because it is a homework assignment, but simply because they enjoy it!

Children who spend at least an hour reading every day not only stretch their imaginations, but also grow large vocabularies, and learn much about the world. An hour per day equates to over 4million words per year! No wonder these students score in the top percentiles on state assessments!

Success in school and in life begins with a love for reading and learning.

So, what can we do to ensure that your child learns to love reading and turns reading into a life-long habit?

- * Help your child find books on topics that interest him. Many students get hooked on reading series or books by a favorite author. Teachers and librarians are good resources.
- * Be sure the books are not too difficult. Independent

reading needs to be, *fun, fast, and easy!* Children will repeat activities in which they feel success. Show an interest in what your child is reading and share in the excitement.

- * If your children are interested in books that they are not yet able to read, spend some time reading aloud to them. They are NEVER too old for this!
- * Make reading time a daily habit; the children will catch on and begin to look forward to the routine.

Check out these websites to find engaging books:

- **Scholastic Book Wizard:**
<http://www.scholastic.com/bookwizard/>

- **Guys Read:**
<http://www.guysread.com>

- **Kids Reads**
<http://www.kidsreads.com/>

- **Notable Children's Books 2017**
<http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/notalists/ncb>



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