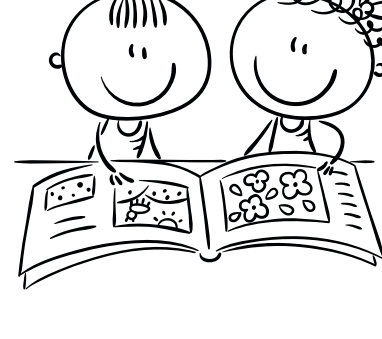


## DEVELOPING A CULTURE OF LITERACY



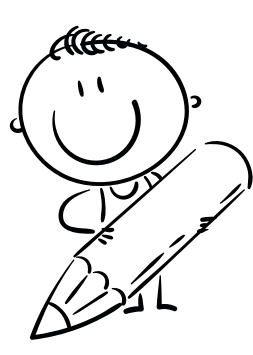
Did you know that **13 minutes of reading each day equals 1 million words read in a year?**

Did you know that **listening to someone read is a literacy skill?**



**Ask your child questions to get them talking about what they are reading!**

- What was your favorite part of the book?
- Who was your favorite character? What did you like about them?
- Where did the story take place? How is that similar to or different from where we live?
- **After a chapter:** What do you think will happen next?





**Does your child love to draw? Have them draw a comic or scenes from the story**

**If reading before bed is difficult, try reading while dinner is being prepared or at breakfast**



#### More Ideas

 Is sitting still for 13 minutes hard? Try setting a timer for intervals of reading. For example, set the timer for 6 minutes, have them go and brush their teeth, and come back to read for 7 more minutes.

 Let children choose which book to read. You might end up reading that same book 100 times—that is okay! Switch it up by letting them try to read words or phrases to build some confidence.



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#### Who we are

We are Book Trust, a national early literacy non-profit. We increase access to high quality books of their choice to empower children to discover the joy and power of reading. What does that mean? Well, each month of the school year, your students will choose \$7 worth of books at absolutely no cost to you that they choose. **These books are theirs to keep, build home libraries and share with you.**

#### The research

Lots of books at home will help your child to become a more enthusiastic reader. At Book Trust, we will support you to build your child's Book Trust Home Library with a new book(s) each month. What better way to get your child to read than to let them pick a book that interests them? Helping your child to choose their books, encouraging them to read and talking to them about their favorite books will get them excited about reading where it matters most: **in the home.**

#### What does all of that mean?

What happens outside of school is essential to your child's reading success. **We are on a mission to empower children to discover the joy and power of reading and create simple steps that you can take.** By doing this you can support your child on their journey. Here's the beautiful part: developing a culture of literacy is simply refocusing the things that you're already doing with your children.

Did you know that reading for just 13 minutes a night equals 1 million words read by the end of the year? Or that telling a story while your child is listening is a literacy skill? Did you know that listening to their older sibling read can help them hear how to fluently read through a story? **You don't need to be an expert, simply a partner!**