

Reading Connection

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Book Picks

Boys of Steel: The Creators of Superman (Marc Tyler Nobleman)

In 1934, high schoolers Jerry and Joe combined their writing and drawing skills to create the celebrated superhero Superman.

This comic-style book tells the true story of how the duo convinced publishers to take a chance on Superman and how the character became a household name.



Me, Frida, and the Secret of the Peacock Ring (Angela Cervantes)

Paloma doesn't realize that her love of mystery books is going to come in handy during a visit to Mexico. Siblings Gael and Lizzie are supposed to tutor her in Spanish, but instead they invite her on a search for the missing ring of famed Mexican artist Frida Kahlo.



Science Experiments You Can Eat (Vicki Cobb)

Young scientists will enjoy testing these edible experiments in the kitchen. Make rock candy to explore crystals, whip up salad dressing to see how liquids are suspended in oil, and more. Includes a glossary of science terms.

Sled Dog School (Terry Lynn Johnson)

To bring up his math grade, Matt takes on an extra-credit project to start a business. The one thing he's really good at: training sled dogs. Follow along as Matt learns to handle customers and track his expenses while juggling his day-to-day school responsibilities.



Keep reading aloud

When your youngster listens to you read, good things happen. He uses his imagination, adds words to his vocabulary, and boosts his comprehension.

Plus, even though he probably reads on his own now, reading aloud can help your child develop a love of books that will last a lifetime. Try these ideas.



Choose books together

Novels, short stories, and non-fiction books all make good read-alouds. Spark your youngster's interest in listening by having him help you decide what to read. Look at lists of award-winning books at your library or online. Or ask his teacher, a librarian, or a bookseller for recommendations.

Find time daily

Try to read to your child a little every day. When you're reading a long book, a few pages a day can help him remember what's happening. *Tip:* If he has reading to do for class, you might suggest that

he finish it first and then play outside or have a snack before he settles down to enjoy a read-aloud.

Include the family

Invite everyone to listen when you read to your youngster. Create a relaxed atmosphere by stopping to laugh at funny parts or asking for opinions about a character's decision. At the end of story time, build excitement for the next installment by letting each family member predict what will happen. ■

Be a fact finder

Use trivia as a fun way to get the whole family learning together. Gather almanacs, record books, or trivia books from the library, and do these activities:

- Let your youngster pose a fact-based challenge. ("Find a fact about outer space.") Everyone searches the books, and the first person to find a fact that fits reads it aloud. ("All planets rotate counterclockwise except Venus and Uranus.") Then, that family member asks for the next fact.
- Play a board game with a twist: To move, answer a question from another player based on a fact from a book. *Example:* "What was Thomas Edison's middle name?" (Alva) The first player to circle the board wins. ■

