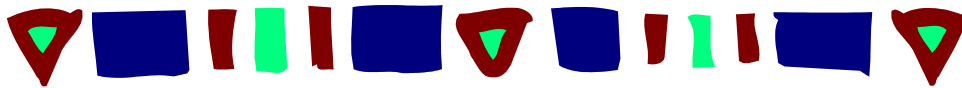


Ace the Bulldog's Reading Tips



1. **READING MOTIVATION**

Family reading hour...regular trips to the library...playing word games in the car.

What do these things have in common? They're all activities parents can use to encourage their children to read.

What are some other ways to spark reading? Here are a few ideas from parents across the country. Use them to help your youngsters improve their desire and ability to read.

2. **Read this and that**

"Occasionally I'll bring home fun things for my children to read. The items might include a comic strip from the newspaper, a greeting card, or even a fortune cookie from lunch. I also keep an assortment of things at home to read. They like poetry books, magazines, and joke books."

3. **Be a reading model**

"My children often like to do what I do - if I don't push. So, in the evening after dinner, I'll curl up with a book. More often than not, one of them will grab a book and join me."

4. Make reading valuable

"I think it's important for my kids to know that reading can be helpful. We choose books that relate to their interests. For example, when Maggie was playing soccer, we found a book on basic soccer skills. Reading it really helped at her next practice."

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