



Family Reading TIPS

Third grade is the year children are expected to transition from “learning to read” to “reading to learn”. The reading and writing skills your child develops now will help shape the rest of his or her life. The tips below offer suggestions for helping your child become a better reader. Suggested reading for this section includes *The Super Soccer Shoes* and *Jazmin the Beautiful Sheep*.

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FEATURING

The SUPER SOCCER SHOES



JAZMIN THE BEAUTIFUL SHEEP



TRICKS TO COMPREHENSION.

Summarizing a story is a great strategy in helping a child remember and comprehend what they read. As you read *The Super Soccer Shoes*, ask your child to predict what the coach will do to motivate the kids to play better. What creative alternatives would they try?

FOR THE LONG TRIP AHEAD.

Make that hour in the car go by more quickly with words games. See how many homonyms, synonyms, or antonyms your child can name. *Homonym ex: be and bee or know and no. Synonyms ex: speak, talk, say, mutter. Antonyms ex: speak, listen, yes, no.* When children understand a word, they have less difficulty reading.

DON'T JUST READ ONE!

Introduce your child to a specific genre, a favorite author or a series of books like Read Conmigo. By stocking up on their favorite book choice, this will encourage your child to read another book.

NOT EVERYONE IS THE SAME.

As you read *Jazmin*, remind your child that each person is unique.

WHERE DID YOU LEARN THAT?

“From the dictionary of course.” Help your child understand the meaning of the text. As you read *Super Soccer Shoes*, ask your child to identify words they may not know. For example, look up “stout” or “dribble” in the dictionary, and let your child read the definition out loud.

CREATE A SPECIAL OCCASSION.

Turn reading time into fun time. Take your kids to the library. Let them get their own library card, and make it a momentous occasion. Buy books they enjoy reading and start a collection. The Read Conmigo collection is a great start, since all books are available for free in eBook format at ReadConmigo.org.

WRITE YOUR OWN SEQUEL.

After reading *Jazmin the Beautiful Sheep*, have your kids write Jazmin's next adventure with her new friend, Mayra. Maybe pick a different character and write a side story. Don't forget to draw pictures too!

