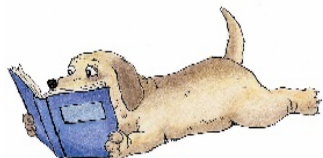


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Reading Tips for Parents:

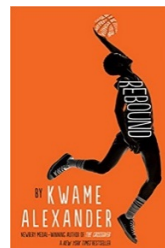
Reading with your child for 15-30 minutes a day can dramatically improve vocabulary, comprehension, and fluency. Here are a few tips to make the time spent together more meaningful. Specifically, these questions will help improve comprehension:

1. *To what character do you most relate? Explain.*
2. *How does the setting of the story impact the story's events?*
3. *What is the problem/conflict in the story? What is the solution?*
4. *When did the story's plot change (turning point or climax)?*
5. *What is another way the story could have ended?*
6. *Would you recommend this book to a friend? WHY?*
7. *What if this story were told from a different character's point of view? How would it be different?*



Planning to lounge and relax over spring break? Looking for a good book for your child to enjoy on your next trip? Check out these titles:

Rebound by Kwame Alexander



Before Josh and Jordan Bell were streaking up and down the court, their father was learning his own moves. In this prequel to Newbery Medal winner *The Crossover*, Chuck Bell takes center stage, as readers get a glimpse of his childhood and how he became the jazz music worshipping, basketball star his sons look up to.

A novel in verse with all the impact and rhythm readers have come to expect from Kwame Alexander, *Rebound* will go back in time to visit the childhood of Chuck "Da Man" Bell during one pivotal summer when young Charlie is sent to stay with his grandparents where he discovers basketball and learns more about his family's past.

Eleanor & Park by Rainbow Rowell



Eleanor is the new girl in town, and she's never felt more alone. All mismatched clothes, mad red hair and chaotic home life, she couldn't stick out more if she tried. Then she takes the seat on the bus next to Park. Quiet, careful and - in Eleanor's eyes - impossibly cool, Park's worked out that flying under the radar is the best way to get by. Slowly, steadily, through late-night conversations and an ever-growing stack of mixed tapes, Eleanor and Park fall in love. They fall in love the way you do the first time, when you're 16, and you have nothing and everything to lose. Set over the course of one school year in 1986, *Eleanor and Park* is funny, sad, shocking and true - an exquisite nostalgia trip for anyone who has never forgotten their first love. -Amazon books

