



## Reading Tips for Parents of Middle School Students

As your child's first and most important teacher, you can be a powerful force in your child's efforts to become a skillful reader. Whether your child is already a proficient reader, or is a reluctant reader, your positive encouragement can help him/her make continuous strides toward success. Here are some suggestions on how you can support reading at home:

- Help kids see that reading is a part of adult life. Set a good example for your child, and let your child see you reading - books, magazines, newspapers, etc.
- Keep books and other reading materials readily available at home. Create a special place in your home for your child to read.
- Avoid being judgemental about what your child chooses to read: cartoons, graphic novels, video game instructions, fantasy, sports, or fashion magazines could be the key to unlocking a lifetime of reading pleasure.
- Allow your child to subscribe or check out magazines based on his/her interests.
- **Talk** about your own reading and **ask** your child about his/her reading
- Visit libraries and bookstores together so your child can discover what he/she enjoys reading.

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