

Habits That Make Good Readers

(Print and review weekly)

1. Read daily. Practice makes perfect.
2. Read the blurb on the back of the book before you start the book. It will help you make pictures in your head early in the book.
3. Read to yourself and aloud to others.
4. Talk and write about the books you read. This will help you keep track of what is happening in the story.
5. Concentrate when you read so you can make pictures in your head. If you find yourself 'just reading words' go back a page or two where you last made pictures.
6. As you read, ask myself, "What's happening?" "What's going to happen next?"
7. Pick 'just right' books – not too hard, not too easy.
8. Look carefully at punctuation. This will help you read with expression.
9. Keep track of your progress and record book titles you have read. Are your books getting longer? Are you reading different genre and authors?
10. Read fiction and as well as non-fiction.
11. Read one book at a time (at home and school).
12. Don't follow the print with a finger makes you a slow reader. Use a line guide.
13. Be fair to the book. Read it in a reasonable amount of time.
14. Support your thoughts about the book with facts in the book.

15. When you come to a word you don't know: sound it out, break it up, read on and come back, ask someone.

16. If you don't like reading, try these:

- Reward yourself for reading each day and reaching a goal.
- Read for 15 minutes, take a break, then read 15 more minutes.
- Get your reading done before watching TV or playing video games.