Title 1 Tidbits ~ October 2026

October is a SPOOK-tacular time to curl up with a good book.

Here are a few ideas to help your child improve reading skills just by reading 20-30 minutes a night either independently or with your child.

Emerging Readers:

Create routines to support reading at home.
Model the correct way to hold a book and allow them to help turn the pages.
Use expression in your voice and point to the words as you read.

Developing Readers:

Encourage your child to identify the characters, setting, and plot of the story.
Identify important events and support retelling in sequence.
Allow your child to solve unknown words using learned strategies.

Independent/Advanced Readers:

Introduce reading materials from a variety of genres.
Use a reading log to monitor book selections and set reading goals.
Revise ongoing reading goals.

How to choose the "Just Right" book

- Encourage your child to choose books that look interesting. Does the title make you want to read the story?
- Flip through the book. Does anything catch your attention?
- Open the book to the middle of the story. Read the page and hold up a finger for each difficult word you encounter. At the end of the page, if you are holding up five or more fingers the book is too difficult to read independently. Try a different book.



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