

# INTEGRATING READING INTO **Everyday Life for Reluctant Readers**

Build language skills in ways that hardly seem like reading. Here's how.

- **Read Funny Favorites**

Share comics, articles, jokes, and stories that make you laugh with your child. Read them aloud during breakfast. Or make it an after-school ritual. Ask him to tell you funny anecdotes about his day.

- **Based on the Book . . . or the Movie**

It is great to give your child a book that inspired a movie she liked. But also give her books that are based on TV shows and movies she watches.

- **Books A Plenty**

Have reading material available to your child wherever he goes. Keep books in every room of your home. Store magazines in the car. Bring a comic book for him to read while waiting in line.

- **Read in Public**

Let your child see that you like to read for fun. It's important to show that you enjoy reading and make time for it. It will show her that reading is a fun fundamental.

- **Talk About TV and Movies**

Encourage your child to tell you about the movies or TV shows he watched. Have him retell the plot. And ask him to describe the characters. It will help build his sense of narrative and story, and his general comprehension skills.

- **Interactive Is Interesting**

Ask your child what subjects interest her. Then use the Internet to help her explore those topics. Try to find sites that include graphics or games and aren't too text heavy.

- **Get a Subscription**

Kids and teens enjoy getting mail. So get your child a subscription to a magazine. It will give him something to look forward to every month. And the idea that the magazine is just for him makes it more appealing to read.

- **Go to Readings and Plays**

Show your child different ways to enjoy books. Take her to readings at your local library or bookstore. Or, go to the theater. Plays are great because they are a form of literature designed not to be read, but to be seen.

- **Introduce Pig Latin**

Teach your child to speak in Pig Latin. The idea of talking in code is appealing to kids and teens. And it will help develop his ability to mentally picture words, figure out how they are spelled, and rearrange the letters within them.

