

## At-home family reading activities

When schools are unexpectedly closed, students and families have opportunities to share reading experiences they may not have time to enjoy during the hustle-and-bustle of regular daily life.

### Here are some suggestions for school closure days

**Reading Corner:** Designate an area in your home for a reading corner! Create a sign together that you can hang or display in that area.

**Encourage Exploration:** Help students choose books on topics that capture their interests or themes that pique their curiosity. What have they been wondering about?

**Read to an Audience:** Reading to an audience is fun! Have young children read aloud to their stuffed animals, siblings, or you. Choose a scene from the book and act it out.

**Main Character:** Talk with students about the books they are reading. Ask, “If you were the main character in the story, would you make the same choices?”

**Alternative Ending:** Before students finish reading a book, ask them to write down what they think will happen at the end—then compare it to what actually happened.

**New Hobby:** Find a hobby you can share with your student and read books that help you learn about that hobby together.

**Family Adventure:** Talk with your student about one of your favorite travel adventures. Then read books to learn more about the place you visited and the things you saw.

**Reminisce:** What was your favorite story when you were your student’s age? Can you find that book or one with a similar story line?

**Book Review:** Ask students about books they are reading. Did they enjoy the book? What were their favorite parts? What would they change about the book?



### Recommendations for at-home reading every day

**20 Minutes:** Reading outside of school is very important for students to enhance learning growth. Set aside 20 minutes a day for this important activity.

**Get Cozy:** Cuddle up and read to your students every night before going to bed, regardless of their ages. Older students often enjoy this as much as younger ones!