A Reading Corner at Home

Show how much you **value** reading. Make a little reading corner in the living room. Children can read alone. And you can read to them. Read with them each day. Here are some ideas to get started.

Ideas for A Cozy Place:

- one or two pillows,
- a carpet sample square,
- a small soft mat,
- the old crib mattress with a cover.
- a corner of the couch,
- bean bag chair



<u>Kinds of Books</u>: 3-4 story books, a "coffee table book" about animals, sports or a neat place, 1-2 ABC books, a poetry or rhyming book, a store flyer or other print from the neighborhood, a book you and your child make.

<u>Book Storage</u>: a box (you and your child can decorate it!), a milk crate turned on its side, a short bookshelf in the living room, two boards and four coffee cans.



Where to get books: Library...Library! Public library, school library, classroom library (Libraries are great because: 1. They are free, 2. You want to change the books often to keep up interest, 3. They have all kinds of books.) Bookstore, Yard Sale, School Give-A-Ways.

<u>Children's Rules for</u> the Reading Corner:

- 1. Take care of the books.
- 2. Put them away.
- 3. Read every day!!!!!!

Grown-Ups Rules for the Reading Corner:

- 1. Pre-read the books so you can read them easily.
- 2. Read every day!!!!!!!
- 3. Make sure it's a FUN time.

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