



MCS Kindergarten Parent News

Tip #2 to Prepare Your Child for Kindergarten

Read with your child at least 20 minutes a day. It's a simple task with amazing benefits.

[Click Here 50 Great Books to Read to Your Child before Kindergarten](#)

Reading is one of the easiest ways to increase school readiness. When you read to your child, you're building their vocabulary, language and literacy skills, while improving concentration, curiosity and memory.

For additional great ideas on summer learning, click the link below.

[Summer Learning Tips for Parents](#)



Did you know?

- If a child reads for 20 minutes every day, they are exposed to about 1.8 million words of text every year. That is 137 new words per minute!
- If families read together for 20 minutes a day, 7 days a week, they get more than 121 hours of bonding time every year!
- Many states use third-grade reading scores to predict the number of jail cells they might need in the future (about three out of five prisoners in America are illiterate).
- For every year you read with your child, average lifetime earnings increase by \$50,000. You make a \$250,000 gift to your child from birth to age 5 by reading aloud, just 20 minutes a day!
- Children who have not developed some basic literacy skills by the time they enter school are 3–4 times more likely to drop out in later years.

Free Books & Reading Activities

Free Books are available to all children. Join us at a BOB the Book Bus Stop near you or visit the local library.



Welcome to Kindergarten!

The list of fifty books referenced above takes me back to the days of reading to my children. My children, like most children, had a few favorite books that I could recite by memory. They were always the first books we had to read

before we could venture to new stories. At the time, I wished for a change, but now when I catch a glimpse of those favorite books, it takes me back to a great time in our lives.

So, whether you have read *Goodnight Moon* or *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom* once or a thousand times, I bid you happy reading.

Kindest regards,

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