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Parents often ask us what they can do at home to help their child's progress at school. Our most frequent response: *Read to your child.* It will bring you closer together and help your child's skill at the same time. This month's calendar is dedicated to raising a reader.

7 Kevin Henkes Books

8 Box or basket of favorite books & children's magazines for your child to quietly look at when she wakes up early.

9 Good examples are vital. When your child sees you reading for pleasure, he'll want to do it, too.

3 Arthur Books by Marc Brown

4 Know a 3 or 4 year old? We're accepting preschool applications all this month and next!

5 Check out <https://www.nysl.org/childrens100>. A great list of favorite children's books!

5 Take the TVs out of kids' bedrooms to encourage them to read and play creatively.

14 When your child says "Read it again!" Take note! A story may not thrill you more than once, but your child is internalizing language and character traits. Read it again!

15 Marsh Improvement Team Meeting 11:15-12:15

16 *An Egg Is Quiet*

17 Help your child correspond with family members. Emails and letters are exciting to read and build important attachments with other trusted adults.

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19 Not only is the "If you Give a Mouse a Cookie" series endearing and hilarious, but you can use it to start a meaningful conversation about consequences for our actions.

20 Great article at Scholastic.com: Google: *Free Audiobooks and Why You Should Try Them*. This article lists 7 sites which offer audiobooks for kids!

21 A fabulous family resource: *The Read-Aloud Handbook* by Jim Trelease. The reading list, categorized by age level, alone is worth the cost!

22 Purchase field guides and learn the names of trees, birds, bugs and rocks together.

23 Choose chapter books one or two levels above your child's reading level to read aloud. Kids will absorb the vocabulary and be ready to understand the words when they meet them on their own.

24 Consider a subscription to a children's magazine like *Ranger Rick* or *Highlights* to grow your child's reading.

25 Include fairy tales, legends, storybooks and nonfiction when you purchase or check out books for your child.

26 Help your child build a little library of titles on his or her interests: whether it's ballet, basketball, bugs or boats, a book collection can inspire passion in a favorite subject.

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Pinkalicious Series by Victoria & Elizabeth Kann

28 Plan a time each day when family members drop everything and read—just for fun. Enjoy the refreshment of silence together.

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The Berenstain Bears

30 MAGIC TREE HOUSE Find Magic Treehouse titles we haven't read at school to share @ home

Children's use of smartphones is a significant risk to their health and well-being, associated with problems such as depression. **Wait Until 8th**, a grassroots movement encouraging parents to **wait at least until 8th grade** to get their children a smartphone--can help you stay strong and avoid giving children smart phones too early. **We support Wait Until (at least) 8th!** Time goes by fast...Search for "Wait Until