

## Ways to Help Your Children Develop a Love of Reading and Writing

- Vary the types of reading students do:
  - "Just Right Reading" - books they can read independently (95-100% accuracy).
  - "On Your Own" or "Book Looking" - anything of interest.
  - Read Aloud - books they cannot read independently, and don't forget to include nonfiction.
- Read several books around one topic.
- Read several books by one author.
- Read several books in one genre (memoir, editorials, plays, fantasy, historical fiction, realistic fiction, feature articles, fairy tales).
- Partner read the text.
- Read aloud even if the child can read the text.
- Read the same book and talk about it.
- Limit video game and television time.
- Make the reading environment pleasurable (cozy spot, special snack).
- Encourage reading by allowing kids to read in their beds.
- Encourage your child to read different types of text - books, newspaper articles, magazines, appropriate blogs and websites.
- Read the same information as your children and talk about it.
- Find time to write authentically (letters, emails, stories, lists).
- Find ways to get their work "published" (book reviews online, contests, magazines, or letters to the newspaper).
- Encourage your child to finish a piece of writing and give it as a gift.
- Go to book signings and talk with authors.
- Visit a favorite author's webpage and read it together.
- Share your writing with your kids and expect them to write regularly.
- Connect books from school and home - let the books travel.
- Get books to support their hobbies and interests.