

SPOTLIGHT ON: READING

Your student needs you to be involved in his/her education and to provide academic support – particularly when it comes to a skill as important to academic success as reading.

SUPPORT READING AT HOME

- ▶ Make reading a common practice in your home. Make sure your child sees you reading, and talk about the interesting things you've read.
- ▶ Have family reading time—30 minutes where everyone reads.
- ▶ Show your child that reading is a way to pursue personal interests. Take your child to the library often to get books on topics of interest to him/her.
- ▶ Have your child choose a book or a book series for you to work through together. Take turns reading a page or chapter, or read the same book independently and get together to discuss the characters and plot.

QUESTIONS TO ASK WHILE READING TOGETHER

- ▶ What do you think will happen next?
- ▶ What would you do?
- ▶ How would you feel?
- ▶ Why do you think that character did that?

Asking questions while you're reading encourages engagement and checks comprehension.

QUESTIONS TO ASK INDEPENDENT READERS

- ▶ What is that book about?
- ▶ Did you like it? Why or why not?
- ▶ Who was your favorite character? Why?
- ▶ What was your favorite part? Why?

