

# School success begins with reading at home



Fewer families than ever before are reading with their children on a daily basis. But reading with your child regularly can have the *single greatest impact* on her school success. Even 20 minutes a day can make a difference! Here's why:

- **Every academic subject involves reading.** Your child has to read in English, science, social studies—and yes, even math! Being able to read well—and read many different kinds of material—will make the difference between *learning* about a subject and *understanding* it.
- **Reading affects test success.** Your child has to read material to study for a test. And she also has to read and understand the directions just to take the test! Filling out an answer sheet incorrectly—



or failing to show her work when it's required—could be the difference between a passing and a failing grade.

- **What your child reads now will help her later.** Children who read (and are read to) are often exposed to more words, which gives them larger vocabularies. A strong vocabulary can benefit your child in advanced classes and on college entrance exams!