

Simple strategies make reading exciting



Children who are strong readers find it easier to do well in other subjects, because so much of learning depends on the ability to read. But experts say that to improve reading abilities, children must *want* to read. Unfortunately, many children just aren't interested.

To show your child that reading is rewarding:

- **Plan a field trip together.** Challenge your child to research attractions in your area, such as museums and parks. Then ask him to be your tour guide as he shares with you what he's learned.
- **Give reading coupons.** Show your child that you think reading is special by giving him reading coupons. Some might be for an extra 20 minutes of reading with you. Others might be good for a trip to the bookstore or an extra visit to the library to check out books.



- **Introduce audiobooks.** This is a great way to show a reluctant reader how interesting books can be. Your child may enjoy listening to a book that you record for him, as he follows along.
- **Follow current events together.** Is there a developing news story that interests your child? Read the latest reports in the paper or online together.