



## Reading with your child

### Top Ten Tips for Parents /Guardians

Infants – 1 <sup>st</sup> Class	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Class	5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> Class
<b><u>Reading</u></b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Read to your child as often as you can.</li> <li>2. Talk about books / characters / plots.</li> <li>3. Enrol your child in the local library.</li> <li>4. Provide a good role model by reading yourself / other family members.</li> <li>5. Keep audio tapes of familiar stories to play in the car.</li> <li>6. Vary the type of books read – stories / poems / information.</li> <li>7. Accept your child's efforts with praise.</li> <li>8. Concentrate on what he /she got right.</li> <li>9. Make reading together enjoyable.</li> <li>10. Take part in school based initiatives like 'Shared Reading'.</li> </ol>	<b><u>Reading</u></b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Continue to read to your child everyday.</li> <li>2. Read some of the books your child enjoys so you can discuss them with him/her.</li> <li>3. Encourage your child to read to younger brothers/ sisters.</li> <li>4. Ensure that your child knows that you value and enjoy reading yourself.</li> <li>5. Make sure there is a wide variety of reading material in your home – newspapers, magazines, information, cookery books etc.</li> <li>6. Enrol and encourage your child to visit the local library once a week...</li> <li>7. Discuss favourite authors.</li> <li>8. Encourage your child to read articles / headlines in newspapers.</li> <li>9. Encourage your child to guess unknown words.</li> <li>10. Take part in school based initiatives like 'Shared Reading'</li> </ol>	<b><u>Reading</u></b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Encourage your child to visit the local library as often as possible.</li> <li>2. Recognise and praise your child's efforts in reading.</li> <li>3. Ensure your child has access to a wide range of reading material – newspapers, magazines, guides etc.</li> <li>4. Take an interest in different children's authors.</li> <li>5. Discuss ideas and points of view proposed by newspaper articles etc.</li> <li>6. Provide a well lit study / reading area.</li> <li>7. Ensure that you value and enjoy reading yourself.</li> <li>8. Allow your child to choose his /her own reading material.</li> <li>9. Encourage your child to read for information – timetables / weather forecasts / menus</li> <li>10. Encourage your child to try and guess unknown words.</li> </ol>