



# ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

## #RISEArkansas Resources for Families

### Help Your Child Fall in Love with Reading!

Below are fun family activities to help you promote a culture of reading in your home.

#### Play board games together.

Games such as Apples to Apples, Hedbanz, Sequence Letters, Scrabble, Boggle, Tall Tales, Bananagrams, or Zingo are fun for everyone. Practicing sounds, letters, and words will help with reading!

#### Play games as you travel.

Look for letters on signs or license plates. Play "I spy" with sounds--I spy something that has the "ch" sound.

#### Use art to learn letters and words.

Use sidewalk chalk to draw pictures and label them. Practice writing letters and words. Use magnetic letters on a cookie sheet to build words and practice sounds. Use those same magnets on the fridge to play "Change a Word" by moving beginning, middle and ending sounds to create new words.

#### Go visit the library.

Help your child select a variety of reading materials, including nonfiction, magazines, and/or audio books. Visit each section in the library and let your child explore an assortment of books.

#### Download free activities to use.

Go to the Florida Center for Reading Research ([http://www.fcrr.org/resources/resources\\_vpk.html](http://www.fcrr.org/resources/resources_vpk.html)) to find fun and appropriate grade-level activities for your child.

#### Listen to a good book.

Download the OverDrive App (<https://app.overdrive.com>) and connect to your local library for free audio books. Try *Tales of the Fourth Grade Nothing*, *The Tale of Despereaux*, *Frindle*, *A Wrinkle in Time*, *Stuart Little*, *Treasure Island*, *Fudge-A-Mania*, or *How to Train Your Dragon*.



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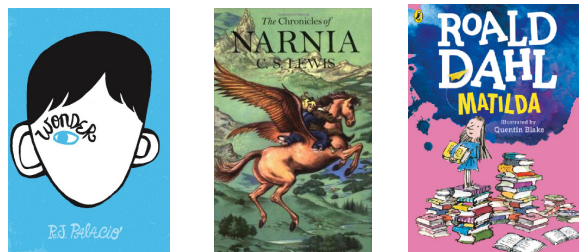
#### Books for beginning readers:



#### Hook reluctant readers with a series:



#### Pick books that have been made into movies:



#### Don't forget non-fiction books:

