

# Creating Active Readers at Antietam

## Tips & Tricks for Nurturing Literacy at Home for *Early Readers*

<b>Before Reading</b>	<b>During Reading</b>	<b>After Reading</b>
Take a picture walk	Make connections	Reread to build fluency
Build background	Visualize the characters, setting, and events	Reread to build confidence
Make a prediction	Notice illustrations	Retell stories
Ask questions to create a purpose for reading	Sound out tricky words & notice familiar words	Create alternate endings

### Encourage your reader to...

- Read anything with words: recipes, grocery lists, newspapers, magazines, etc.
- Read independently, or read to a stuffed animal, sibling, grown up, or pet
- Build reading stamina
- Maintain a journal to write/draw about his/her reading
- Talk about what they are reading and explain their thinking

### More Tips & Tricks

- Read aloud to your child & model fluency and expression, by using silly & exaggerated voices
- Take turns reading with your child
- Ask questions before, during, and after reading
- Be a reading and writing role model
- Share your favorite books with your child
- Write notes to your child
- Use new and interesting words in your conversations
- Praise your child's reading progress and effort
- Be patient with your reader
- Give your reader think time when sounding out new or unfamiliar words
- Practice reading and writing sight words in a multitude of exciting ways
- Websites: [abcya.com](http://abcya.com) [getepic.com](http://getepic.com) [RAZ-kids.com](http://RAZ-kids.com) [timeforkids.com](http://timeforkids.com) [kids.nationalgeographic.com](http://kids.nationalgeographic.com) [spellingcity.com](http://spellingcity.com) [storylineonline.net](http://storylineonline.net)



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