



## Fathers and Sons: Reading Together

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### Did You Know?

- Boys need male role models in reading.
- Dads have a great influence over their child's education and how well they perform.
- If male role models value reading, boys will learn to value reading as well.

### So What Can Fathers Do?

- Read with your son as often as possible
- Make literacy activities interactive:
  - ✓ Play games – spell words when playing basketball – Horse style
- Make up rhymes together
- Act out stories you read together
- Research a specific topic your child has an interest in, read books about that topic, read information online about the topic -- together
- Read online material together
- Create friendly spelling competitions for your child
- Encourage a subscription to a magazine: Sports Illustrated for Kids, National Geographic for Kids, Your Big Backyard, or Ranger Rick. Read it together.
- Read the newspaper with your son. Discuss current events.
- Read graphic novels or comic books
- Choose a topic and create a pop-up book
- Use music and lyrics to help your son remember important spelling words and/or vocabulary

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- Provide plenty of opportunities for your son to discuss his reading with you. If it helps him, allow him to graphically display his thinking about a book. This will guide him to a deeper understanding of the text.
- Keep a father/son journal. Write notes back and forth to each other – about your day, books you've read, favorite activities to do together, etc.