

A B C' S OF READING

READING
DEVELOPS
SPELLING &
COMPREHENSION
LIFE SKILLS

- A** Ask questions while reading together. "What do you think will happen next?"
- B** Buy books as gifts for birthdays, Christmas, Hanukkah or other holidays
- C** Celebrate learning new words
- D** Drop everything and read. Set aside 15 minutes a day and spend it reading.
- E** Examine the illustrations in detail. Use words from the text to talk about them.
- F** Find books that interest your child. Children develop gradually and at their own pace towards reading success, don't force books that you think they should be reading
- G** Give hints when your child gets stuck on a word. Understand that reading is developmental and that it takes time and practice to become fluent
- H** Have fun. Smile and enjoy the story. Read and be expressive, give storybook characters voices and personality.
- I** Invite your child to the bookstore. Lounge around, browse the books, have a happy time.
- J** Join in your child's reading success. Give sincere praise.
- K** Kids love to receive mail. Give a magazine subscription in an area that interests him or her.
- L** Libraries are wonderful places to start a life-long habit of reading
- M** Make time to share with your child - PRICELESS
- N** Never force your child to read if you're both too tired. If you find this keeps on happening, look at your schedule and try to make reading time earlier.
- O** Offer your child a variety of reading materials, books, magazines, cereal boxes, comics, newspapers.
- P** Predict story elements, draw conclusions, retell in your own words
- Q** Quiet time with a book and a parent is the best time of all
- R** Read aloud and re-read favourite stories and rhymes.
- S** Sing songs recite poetry and do finger plays to help develop language and listening skills.
- T** Talk about words around you on signs, stores and packaging.
- U** Use a bookmark. (Birthday and Christmas cards make wonderful ones).
- V** Very important to have short reading sessions every day, even when your child can read by herself.
- W** Welcome picture books. They generate conversation and stimulate imagination.
- X** "X"hibit your support by reading too. Newspapers, magazines it all counts.
- Y** You are the most important person in helping your child develop a lifelong love of reading
- Z** Zealous readers are the result of supportive and nurturing role models.

CHILDREN WHO ARE READERS
DO BETTER IN SCHOOL AND LIFE