



# Parent Tips for January

Here are some strategies for boosting reading comprehension.

## Before reading:

1. Ask your child to look at the pictures in the book or story and predict what he/she thinks the story will be about. In this way your child can begin to access prior knowledge which heightens the ability to take in and retain new information.
2. Ask your child to tell what he/she hopes to learn from reading the passage/book.
3. Set a purpose for reading the book. For example, you might say, "Read this story to find out how Jack escapes from the Giant and then we will talk about it."

## During reading:

1. Stop at the end of a page or paragraph and ask your child to paraphrase what he has just read.
2. Stop at the end of a page or paragraph and ask your child to predict what will happen next in the story.

## After reading:

Discuss the story/book with your child asking questions such as:

1. What was the main idea of the story? Or What was the story mainly about?
2. How do you think this character felt about what happened?
3. What would you have done if you were the character?
4. What did you like best about this story?