

**To:** Parents and teachers of Grade 4 - 6 learners

**Topic:** Tips on how to support children with reading at home.

**Message Objectives:** To assist parents in supporting their children with reading at home  
To engage children in educational activities during the holidays

**Message:**

1. Encourage your child to read.
2. Talk to them about what they're reading and ask the right questions to support comprehension.
3. Read aloud regularly to your child. This develops stronger vocabulary, provides enjoyment and promotes bonding.
4. Take children to the library to choose books for themselves if possible. Children who choose what they read, are more engaged with what they are reading and more likely to retain the information.
5. Be a role model. Let them 'catch you' reading.
6. Consider a scheduled or spontaneous time during the day where everyone in the house—without exception—'**Drop Everything and Read**'; this can be done for 10 minutes at a time at first and grown from there)
7. Play games that involve making connections between pictures, objects and words, such as reading about an object and finding similar things in your home.
8. Sometimes, just sit with them while they read without talking (though you can read if you'd like). This communicates that reading is important.
9. Help them access zero rated websites that have stories for children e.g Nalibali, Fundza
10. Show interest in your child's reading. Always remember to give them genuine praise for their efforts.



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