



# Family Reading TIPS

Encourage your child to practice reading aloud at home every day. This gives you valuable time together and builds your child's confidence in his/her reading skills. Use the tips listed below with *Alicia Saves the Day* and *Ester Cleans Up*.

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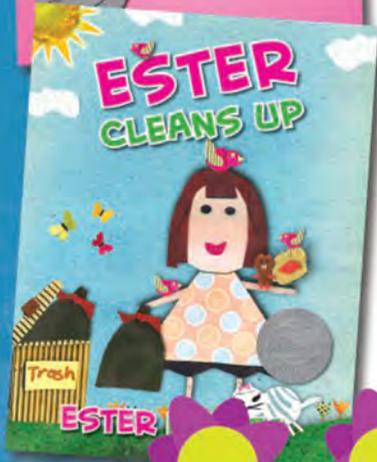
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## BUILD VOCABULARY.

Talk to your child every day and make a habit of introducing new words into your conversations. You will have fun learning new words and building their vocabulary together.

## DON'T FORGET TO PRACTICE WRITING.

Encourage your child to practice their handwriting. If you have just read *Ester Cleans Up*, ask them to write out how they can help you clean up. (example: "I can pick up my toys or throw the candy wrapper in the trash"). As they write out the list, remind them of the letters and sounds in each word.

## BOOKS: THE ORIGINAL iPad

In today's world, children have access to many entertaining items such as video games, iPads and TVs. Make reading together a priority and set aside time every day to turn off the electronics in order to spend time together.

## PATIENCE IS A VIRTUE.

As a parent, it is difficult to watch your child struggle. Be patient and help them sound it out. Once they have figured out the word, praise them for figuring it out!

## SEESAW READ.

When you read *Alicia Saves the Day*, you read the first page and encourage your child to read the second page. Add funny voices to keep the story interesting. Both of you will enjoy spending this time together and creating lasting memories.

## BUILD COMPREHENSION SKILLS BY ASKING QUESTIONS.

Visit the Read Conmigo library and read *Ester Cleans Up*. When you are finished, go through the comprehension questions listed or make up your own. For example, "Why do you think people would litter?"

## CALMLY CORRECT MISSED WORDS

Early readers frequently guess at words based on the first letter. Help your child sound out the entire word, and repeat it several times. This will help build their vocabulary as well as improve their reading skills.

## KEEP A BOOK IN EVERY NOOK AND CRANNY.

Keep a book in every room, or place your child frequents. Keeping a book in the car or in your child's backpack helps to pass time and build valuable skills.

