



Family Reading TIPS

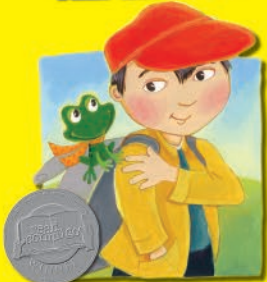
Remember to encourage and praise your young reader. Create a reading chart and place it on your refrigerator. For each book completed, give them a special sticker. This reinforces positive behavior and visually demonstrates your child's growing skills by the number of books completed. Featured reading suggestions with the tips below include *Nico and His Frog* and *Matteo and His Abuelito*.

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FEATURING

**NICO
AND HIS FROG**



NICO Y SU RANA

**MATTEO
AND HIS ABUELITO**



MATTEO Y SU ABUELITO

MAKE IT YOUR ADVENTURE.

Take turns adding to the story of *Nico and His Frog*. Add your own twist to the story. (Example, while Nico and Jack are eating breakfast, pretend that one of Jack's jumping crickets jumped out of his bowl into Nico's cereal bowl. Yuck! How would Nico react?)

RECOGNIZE FREQUENTLY USED WORDS MORE EASILY.

Create flash cards with the new words your child learned while reading *Matteo and his Abuelito*. Flash cards will help children recognize frequently read words.

ALWAYS BE ENCOURAGING.

Ask your children to read aloud to you. LISTEN as they read. Praise them for how well they read the passage or a specific word. Your children need you to be a FAN!

SHARE FUNNY STORIES ABOUT YOUR FAMILY.

As you read *Matteo and His Abuelito*, relive your favorite memories with your grandparents. Give your child crayons or pencils and ask them to write and draw about the story. A book of stories about them is something they will love to read when they are adults. You can even fold and staple the paper to make it look like a real book!

HELP YOUR CHILD LEARN THE MEANING OF SIMILAR WORDS.

Show your child how words have similar spellings and meanings. (Example the spelling and meaning similarity between "no" and "know.")

SOUND IT OUT & READ AGAIN.

When your child sounds out unfamiliar words like, galloped, pretend or uniform, they may lose the meaning of the sentence because of the time it takes to sound out the word. Once your child knows how to say the word, have him/her re-read the sentence. This helps your child to comprehend what is read.

EVERYTHING IN ITS PLACE.

Most children have a special place for their toys. Foster their love for reading and writing by creating a special place for their books and writing supplies. Find opportunities for your child to write or draw things like "thank you" notes, birthday cards or write a letter to a friend.

HAVE A CHECKLIST.

Have your child create a writing checklist with reminders such as, "Did I use the proper punctuation?" When they get everything on the checklist correct, give them a new book or pencil. Praise them for their good work!

