



## BUILDING LITERACY SKILLS AT HOME



Literacy based activities should be encouraged at home during middle and high school. Strong literacy skills are essential for development and provide a foundation for school and work performance, social skills, and solving problems in all subject areas. Just a few minutes spent each day on simple literacy activities can add up to a lifelong love of reading and learning. These literacy-based activities are great for your middle and high school children.

### READING

#### ♥ READ TOGETHER.

Establish a family culture of reading by designating times for all family readers to read.

#### ♥ START A FAMILY BOOK CLUB.

Read a book as a family and engage in discussions around the story.

#### ♥ PROMOTE CHOICE.

Allowing your child to choose books they want to read can help foster a love for reading.

#### ♥ MIX IN MOVIES.

Suggest books from movies your child likes. They may enjoy getting the additional details that the book provides.

### WRITING & DRAWING

#### ♥ KEEP IN TOUCH.

Suggest that your child send notes to family members or relatives via snail-mail or email.

#### ♥ ENHANCE TYPING SKILLS.

Use free typing classes and websites to support your child with this important life skill.

#### ♥ USE TECHNOLOGY.

Let your child utilize speech-to-text programs and applications to write stories, complete homework assignments, or other writing tasks if they find writing challenging.

### SPEAKING & LISTENING

#### ♥ LISTEN TO AUDIO BOOKS.

Listening to a novel that appeals to the whole family is a great way to engage in family book discussions.

#### ♥ TALK ABOUT IT.

Ask them their opinions of a book they are reading and help them make real-world connections to what they are reading.

#### ♥ READ TO OTHERS.

Encourage your middle or high schooler to read to a younger sibling or family member.

### CREATING

#### ♥ PLAY GAMES.

Games like Scrabble, Boggle, and many other board games require reading skills.

#### ♥ DOWNLOAD APPS.

Apps like ReadWorks and ReadWriteThink can support students with literacy in creative ways.

#### ♥ BRING STORIES TO LIFE.

Encourage your child to use technology to create digital stories or animations.

