

SCHOOL BUS

# READY! for Kindergarten®

September 2018

## Take the Reading Pledge!

### Hello READY! Parents & Caregivers,

Reading problems are difficult to fix but easy to prevent. It starts at home! Read aloud to your child for 20 minutes each day from birth through elementary school. When your child is young, break this up into smaller blocks of time.

The simple and enjoyable habit of reading aloud with children is linked to these powerful results:

- Expanded knowledge and vocabulary
- Improved attention span and memory
- Increased curiosity and imagination

### **Plus...**

- Greater self-esteem, empathy, and confidence
- Stronger, closer relationships
- Higher educational achievement and future quality of life

And you don't have to be a good reader to give a child a strong reading foundation. Children benefit by talking about the pictures and snuggling close.



Take the reading pledge and download a Bertie the Bookmouse reading tracker bookmark to use as a fun and handy reminder to read with your child 20 minutes every day!

### 20 Minutes A Day!

“Reading aloud with young children is one of the most effective ways to expose them to enriched language and to encourage specific early literacy skills needed to promote school readiness.”

American Academy of Pediatrics



## Fun With Books!

An easy habit is to read three books a day - two familiar stories and perhaps one that is new.

**Be enthusiastic.** Smile! Read with a lot of expression. Change your voice and volume.

Allow plenty of time to look at and **talk about the pictures.** Let your child turn the pages.

Pause to ask questions about the characters and events. **Encourage conversation.** Make up a new character or ending.

**Point out letters and sounds,** such as letters in child's name. Clap or jump the syllables in the character's names.

Sometimes **move your finger** under the words as you read. Your child can say "stop" when you come to a dot (period).

Use book terms, such as cover, page, word and sentence. Prompt your child to **retell the story.** What happened in the beginning, middle, and the end?

## Read With A Child Week September 16 -20

Looking for more fun ways to enjoy reading with your child? Enjoy *Read With A Child Week* - celebrated the third week of September every year.

To kick off the week early, the much anticipated **10th Birthday Party for Mudgy and Millie.** The fun begins this Saturday, September 8 at 11 a.m. at the Coeur D'Alene downtown public library. Enjoy some birthday cake and a chance to meet Mudgy and Millie.

Then, September 16-20 check out the fun reading events for

Toddlers, and Pre-schoolers, put on by the Community Library Network, check out this link for more information. [Read With Your Child!](#)

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