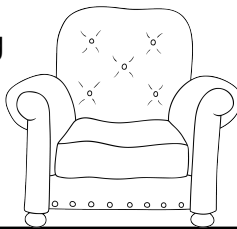


5 Ways to Support Your {Middle grade reader}

I know that sometimes you just want ideas for how to help your reader. Here are some of the best research-based ideas to help your middle grade learner improve their reading abilities outside of school. Better yet, they are all very simple and inexpensive!

Read

There are multiple positive effects of students being read to and students seeing their family read. If we want our learners to read, we have to walk the walk. By reading, your learner builds positive associations with reading, is willing to take reading risks, and is exposed to significantly more vocabulary.



Vocabulary

"The number one indicator of student success is vocabulary." The more students read, the larger their vocabulary, and then the more texts they can understand and apply. The following games are fun, and great for vocabulary:



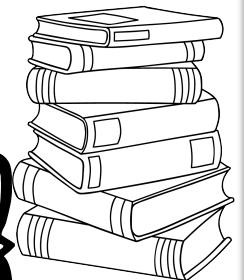
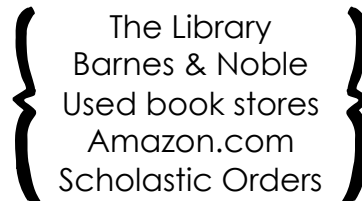
Listen

We are all SO busy, and that can make it difficult to find time to sit and read every night. Audio books are such a great way for students to listen to fluent reading, experience great books, and still get reading time in. Some great places for audio books:



Books & Books

Books! Books! Books! Exposing your learner to books, in ways that show how awesome books and reading are, is one of the best ways to develop their love of reading. Go to:



Choice

Research continually shows us that, "Independent reading is the best predictor of reading achievement and also the best predictor of the amount of gains in reading." Research also constantly points to the "Power of Choice." Let them choose what they read, and eventually, your learner will know what books they like and how to choose books they will read.

If you want to read a.....

FUNNY BOOK

- Big Nate (300L+)
- The Adventures of Captain Underpants series (720L+)
- Diary of a Wimpy Kid series (910L+)
- Flat Broke(810L)
- House of Robots (750L)
- I Funny series (610L+)
- Liar Liar (940L)
- Middle School series (600L+)
- My Life as a Book series (~880L)
- Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief (740L+)
- Sideways Stories from Wayside School (460L)
- Strange Case of Origami Yoda series (760L+)
- The Terrible Two (620L)
- Ungifted (730L)

FANTASY BOOK

- A Snicker of Magic (680L)
- All the Answers (720L)
- Deep Blue series (710L+)
- Eragon series (710L+)
- Fablehaven series (700L+)
- The False Prince (710L)
- The Golden Compass (930L+)
- Harry Potter series (900L+)
- Inkheart series (780L)
- Iron Trial (830L)
- The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe (940L+)
- Lord of the Rings trilogy (860L+)
- Pendragon series (660L+)
- Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief (740L+)
- Ranger's Apprentice series (920L+)
- Savvy (1070L)
- Warrior Cat series (790L+)

GRAPHIC NOVEL

Many of the funny books listed above are also graphic novels

- American Born Chinese (530L)
- Amulet series (310L+)
- The Babysitter's Club (350L+)
- Bone series (360L+)
- El Deafo (460L)
- Daniel X (410L+)
- Dork Diaries series (890L+)
- Drama (400L)
- Maximum Ride(370L)
- Popularity Papers (580L+)
- Smile (410L)
- Sisters (290L)
- Star Wars Jedi Academy (650L+)
- Sunny Side Up (240L)
- Timmy Failure (470L+)
- Treasure Hunters series (750L+)

REALISTIC FICTION BOOK

- A Dog's Life (870L)
- Alice book series (910L+)
- Bluford High series (760L)
- Counting By 7's (770L)
- Half a Chance (690L)
- Hotel for Dogs (750L)
- Elijah of Buxton (1070L)
- Extra Credit (830L)
- Freak the Mighty (1000L)
- Listen, Slowly (800L)
- Maniac Magee (820L)
- Marley and Me (1050L)
- Out of My Mind (700L)
- Ungifted (730L)
- Waiting for Normal (570L)
- Where the Red Fern Grows (700L)
- Wonder (790L)

If you want to read a.....

Adventure

- Blackout (790L)
- Ice Dogs (690L)
- Genius Files series (730L+)
- Hatchet (1020L)
- Holes (660L)
- Peak (760L)
- Spy Camp (740L)
- Stay Alive series (610L+)
- Stormbreaker (670L)
- Storm Runners (700L+)
- Sure Fire (660L)
- Surrounded by Sharks (600L)
- Swindle (710L)
- White Fang (890L)

Historical Fiction Book

- Al Capone Does My Shirts (600L)
- The Boy in the Striped Pajamas (1080L)
- Bud, Not Buddy (950L)
- Chains (780L)
- Code Name Verity (1020L)
- Countdown (800L)
- Fallout (740L)
- I Survived... series (600L-950L)
- Jump into the Sky (940L)
- Lily's Crossing (720L)
- The Lions of Little Rock (630L)
- Ninth Ward (470L)
- One Crazy Summer (750L)
- Out of the Dust (1040L)
- Number the Stars (670L)
- Prisoner B-3087 (760L)
- Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry (920L)
- The Watsons go to Birmingham-1963 (1000L)
- War Horse (890L)

Military and War Book

- Bloodlines series (830L+)
- Bomb: The Race to Build-and Steal-the World's Most Dangerous Weapon (920L)
- The Boys Who Challenged Hitler (970L)
- Code Talker (910L)
- Courage & Defiance (1040L)
- Dog Tags series (770L+)
- Fallen Angels (650L)
- Guts & Glory: the American Civil War (1570L)
- Hitler Youth: Growing Up in Hitler's Shadow (1050L)
- K9 Warriors (1220L)
- Solider Boys (790L)
- Tides of War (880L+)
- Unbroken (850L)
- Vietnam series (900L+)
- The Warriors Heart (930L)
- WWII series (1050L+)

Science Fiction Book

- Cinder (790L)
- Daniel X (870L+)
- Divergent (700L+)
- Ender's Game (780L)
- The Eye of Minds (790L)
- The Fourteenth Goldfish (550L)
- The Giver (760L)
- I Am Number Four series (700L+)
- Icebreaker (720L)
- Infinity Ring series (800L+)
- Legend series (710L+)
- Matched (680L+)
- The Maze Runner (770L+)
- The Missing Series (750L+)
- Rule of Thre3 (720L+)
- Steelheart (680L)
- Sylo (680L)
- The Testing (830L)
- A Wrinkle in Time (740L)
- Young Elites (740L)

If you want to read a.....

BOOK ABOUT SPORTS

- The Batboy (940L)
- The Best of the Best (790L)
- The Big Time (780L)
- The Big Field (970L)
- The Crossover (700L)
- Deep Zone (790L)
- Gym Candy (710L)
- Heart of a Champion (650L)
- Heat (940L)
- Fantasy League (930L)
- First Team (700L)
- Football Champ (880L)
- Football Genius (800L)
- Football Hero (840L)
- Force Out (760L)
- Jake Maddox series (500L+)
- Lost Boy (730L)
- Million-Dollar Throw (960L)
- New Kid (710L)
- Outcasts United (1110L)
- QB 1 (990L)
- Rivals (860L)
- Perfect Season (720L)
- Tangerine (680L)
- Travel Team (930L)
- True Legend (850L)
- Unstoppable (730L)

BOOK THAT BOYS LOVE

- Alex Rider series (670L+)
- Artemis Fowl series (600L+)
- The BFG (720L)
- Big Nate (300L+)
- Chronicles of Vladimir Todd (870L)
- Diary of a Wimpy Kid (910L+)
- Guys Read (740L+)
- Hatchet (1020L)
- Holes (660L)
- How They Choked... (1010L)
- The Hunger Games (810L)
- I Survived... (600L-950L)
- The Maze Runner (770L)
- Michael Vey series (500L+)
- My Side of the Mountain (810L)
- Percy Jackson Series (740L+)
- The Ranger's Apprentice (920L+)
- The Saturday Boy (710L)
- A Series of Unfortunate Events (1010L)
- Swindle series (710L)

BOOK THAT'S A LITTLE "DARK"

- Asylum (800L)
- Bad Girls Don't Die (670L)
- Chronicles of Vladimir Todd (780L)
- Doll Bones (840L)
- The Egypt Game (1010L)
- Famous Las Words (660L)
- The Girl Who Was Supposed to Die (690L)
- The Graveyard Book (820L)
- Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children (890L)
- The Night Gardener (690L)
- The Nightmare Affair (730L)
- Rot & Ruin (780L-for mature readers)
- A Series of Unfortunate Events (1010L)
- The Witch of Blackbird Pond (850L)

