

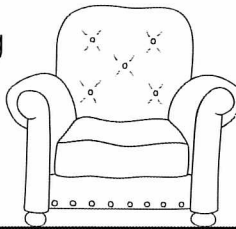
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Ways to Support Your {middle grade reader}

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:



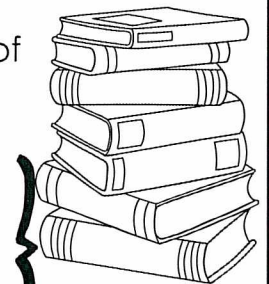
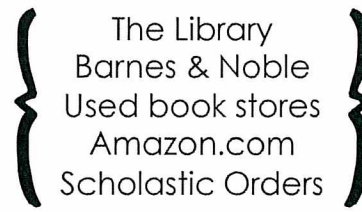
Listen

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

- 33 Minutes
- Big Nate
- The Adventures of Captain Underpants
- Crush
- Dear Dumb Diary
- Diary of a Wimpy Kid
- Flat Broke
- House of Robots
- iFunny series
- Leven Thumps
- Liar Liar
- Middle School series
- My Life as a Book
- My Wierdest School
- Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales
- Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief
- Sideways Stories from Wayside School
- The Terrible Two
- Ungifted

FANTASY BOOK

- A Snicker of Magic
- All the Answers
- Children of the Lamp
- Deep Blue
- Eragon
- Fablehaven
- The Girl With the Silver Eyes
- The Golden Compass
- Graceful
- Harry Potter
- Inkheart
- Leven Thumps and the Gateway to Foo
- The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe
- Miss Peregrine's Peculiar Children
- The Night Gardener
- Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief
- Savvy
- Willow Falls Series
- The Witch's Boy

GRAPHIC NOVEL

- American Born Chinese
- Amulet
- The Babysitter's Club
- Big Nate
- The Boxcar Children
- Eighth Grade is Making Me Sick
- El Deafo
- Drama
- The Graveyard Book
- Lunch Lady
- Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales
- Roller Girl
- Smile
- Sisters
- Star Wars Jedi Academy
- Sunny Side Up
- This One Summer

REALISTIC FICTION BOOK

- A Handful of Stars
- Because of Mr. Terupt
- Half a Chance
- Holes
- Hoot
- Ida B. . . and Her Plans to Maximize Fun, Avoid Disaster, and (Possibly) Save the World
- Elijah of Buxton
- Everything on a Waffle
- Feathers
- Freak the Mighty
- Maniac Magee
- No More Dead Dogs
- Out of My Mind
- Radio Fifth Grade
- So B. It
- Swindle
- Ungifted
- When Zachary Beaver Came to Town
- Where the Red Fern Grows
- Wildlife
- Wonder

If you want to read a.....

Short, but great, BOOK

- Annie and the Old One
- Bridge to Terabithia
- Bunnicula
- Call it Courage
- Dear Mr. Henshaw
- Feathers
- Freak the Mighty
- Frindle
- The Giving Tree
- How to Eat Fried Worms
- Island of the Blue Dolphins
- Lawn Boy
- Sing Down the Moon
- Stone Fox
- Tiger Rising
- Tuck Everlasting

Historical Fiction BOOK

- Al Capone Does my Shirts
- The Boy in the Striped Pajamas
- Bud, Not Buddy
- Chains
- Echo
- The Fence Between Us
- Forge
- I Survived...
- The Land
- The Lions of Little Rock
- One Crazy Summer
- Out of the Dust
- Number the Stars
- Prisoner B-3087
- Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry
- Sophia's War
- Stella by Starlight
- Vietnam Series
- The Watsons go to Birmingham-1963

Award Winning BOOK

- Because of Winn Dixie
- Fever 1793
- Hatchet
- The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg
- One Came Home
- Out of my Mind
- When You Reach Me
- The Year of Billy Miller
- Flora and Ulysses
- Inside Out and Back Again
- Moon Over Manifest
- The One and Only Ivan
- Pictures of Hollis Woods
- Rules
- Three Times Lucky
- Walk Two Moons
- Where the Mountain Meets the Moon

Science Fiction book

- Atlantia
- The Bar Code Tattoo
- The Dead Gentlemen
- Divergent
- Ender's Game
- The Eye of Minds
- The Fourteenth Goldfish
- The Giver
- Legend
- Matched
- The Maze Runner
- The Missing Series
- The Power of Six
- Slated Series
- The Time Machine
- A Wrinkle in Time

If you want to read a.....

Middle School/Young Adult BOOK

- A Corner of the Universe
- Brown Girl Dreaming
- Counting by 7s
- The Crossover
- Dead End in Norvelt
- Divergent
- Eleven
- Greenglass House
- The Giver
- Gregor the Overlander
- The Hunger Games
- If I Stay
- If You're Reading This
- The Maze Runner
- Nest
- Schooled
- Speak
- When You Reach Me
- When Zachary Beaver Came to Town
- Walk Two Moons
- The Wednesday War

Inspirational book

- 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens
- Chicken Soup for the Kids Soul
- Chicken Soup for the Preteen Soul
- Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul
- Dear Mr. Henshaw
- Esperanza Rising
- Fish in a Tree
- Frindle
- The Giving Tree
- I am Malala
- Life of Pi
- The Little Prince
- Pay it Forward
- Stargirl
- Upside Down in the Middle of Nowhere
- Wonder

BOOK ABOUT ACCEPTANCE

- Al Capone Does My Shirts
- Doll Bones
- El Deafo
- Esperanza Rising
- Hound Dog True
- How to Beat the Bully Without Even Trying
- Freak the Mighty
- Loser
- One for the Murphys
- Rain Reign
- Rules
- The Secret Tree
- Stargirl
- Ungifted
- Wonder

BOOK With animals

- A Dog's Life
- Because of Winn Dixie
- Bunnicula
- The Call of the Wild
- Fantastic Mr. Fox
- Flora and Ulysses
- Hoot
- How to Steal a Dog
- Julie of the Wolves
- Love That Dog
- The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane
- The One and Only Ivan
- Rain Reign
- Rush Revere and the American Revolution
- Shiloh
- Stone Fox
- Swindle
- Warriors
- Where the Red Fern Grows
- White Fang
- Wildlife

If you want to read a.....

BOOK ABOUT SPORTS

- The Batboy
- The Best of the Best
- The Big Time
- The Big Field
- The Boy Who Saved Baseball
- The Crossover
- Deep Zone
- Diamond in the Desert
- Gym Candy
- Heart of a Champion
- Heat
- Hero
- High Heat
- Fantasy League
- First Team
- Football Champ
- Football Genius
- Football Hero
- Force Out
- Lost Boy
- Million-Dollar Throw
- Miracle on 49th Street
- New Kid
- Night Hoops
- No More Dead Dogs
- QB 1
- Rivals
- Runner
- Painting the Black
- Perfect Season
- Shakespeare Bats Cleanup
- Summer Ball
- Tangerine
- Travel Team
- True Legend
- The Underdogs
- Unstoppable
- Year in Sports

BOOK THAT BOYS LOVE

- Alex Rider Series
- Artemis Fowl
- The BFG
- Big Nate
- A Boy at War: A Novel of Pearl Harbor
- Chasing Vermeer
- Diary of a Wimpy Kid
- Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library
- Guys Read
- Hatchet
- Holes
- How They Choked...
- The Hunger Games
- I Survived...
- The Maze Runner
- My Side of the Mountain
- Percy Jackson Series
- The Ranger's Apprentice
- The Saturday Boy
- A Series of Unfortunate Events
- Sideways Stories from Wayside School
- The Sign of the Beaver
- Swindle Series
- Wildlife

BOOK THAT'S A LITTLE "DARK"

- The Bar Code Tattoo
- The Dead Gentlemen
- The Egypt Game
- Famous Las Words
- The Girl Who Was Supposed to Die
- The Graveyard Book
- Hollow City
- Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children
- The Night Gardener
- Slated
- A Series of Unfortunate Events
- The Witch of Blackbird Pond

If you want to read a.....

BOOK WRITTEN IN VERSE

- Addie on the Inside
- All the Broken Pieces
- Brown Girl Dreaming
- The Crossover
- Girl Coming in for a Landing
- Hate That Cat
- Home of the Brave
- Inside Out and Back Again
- Locomotion
- Love That Dog
- May B.
- Out of the Dust
- Pieces of Georgia
- Shakespeare Bats Cleanup
- Shakespeare Makes the Playoffs
- The Trial
- The Weight of Water

POETRY BOOK

- A Light in the Attic
- A Poke in the I: A Collection of Concrete Poems
- Don't Bump the Glump
- Falling Up
- Firefly July
- Follow Follow: A Book of Reverse Poems
- The Giving Tree
- The Llama Who Had No Pajama
- The Missing Piece
- Neon Aliens Ate My Homework and Other Poems
- Night Garden: Poems From the World of Dreams
- Outside the Box: A Book of Poems
- *Poems from Homeroom: A Writer's Place to Start*
- Poetry for Young People
- Roald Dahl's Revolting Rhymes
- Rimshots: Basketball Pix, Rolls, and Rhythms
- *Swimming Upstream: Middle School Poem*
- What My Mother Doesn't Know
- Where the Sidewalk Ends

BOOK THAT GIRLS LOVE

- Dear Dumb Diary
- Dork Diaries
- Ella Enchanted
- Ever After High
- Hound Dog True
- Little House on the Prairie series
- Matched Series
- Pictures of Hollis Woods
- Prairie Evers
- Savvy
- The Secret Garden
- The Secret Tree
- The Swift Boys and Me
- A Tangle of Knots
- A Whole Lot of Lucky
- This Journal Belongs to Ratchet
- Three Times Lucky
- The Trouble with May Amelia
- Tuck Everlasting

BOOK WITH A STRONG FEMALE CHARACTER

- Becoming Naomi Leon
- Coraline
- Divergent
- Ella Enchanted
- Esperanza Rising
- *From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler*
- *Harriet the Spy*
- Harry Potter Series
- The Hunger Games
- Island of the Blue Dolphins
- Legend
- Matilda
- Number the Stars
- Sing Down the Moon
- Walk Two Moons

