



Parent Pipeline



CAFE Vocabulary Strategy: Voracious Reading

Your child has been working on the vocabulary strategy of **voracious** (vo*ra*cious) **reading**. Although the strategy of **voracious reading** can also be used to improve fluency, your child's current goal is vocabulary. The children have learned that good readers increase their vocabulary by reading and reading and reading, thus becoming a **voracious reader**. It is through reading that children are able to learn new words and increase their vocabulary. There are many ways parents can encourage their child to be a voracious reader. Ask your child what it means to be a **voracious reader** and then use some of these suggestions to encourage this vocabulary strategy at home.

How can you help your child with this strategy at home?

1. Read to or with your child each night. You may both read your own books, independently (at the same time), or you may read one book together. This models a love of reading for your child.
2. Although schedules get busy, try to provide a time each day for your child to read from materials of his/her choice and interest. This can include fiction, non-fiction, biographies, or magazines. This will encourage your child to read for fun in addition to reading for knowledge.
3. Help your child choose a "good-fit" book to enhance his/her motivation to read. We use the "I PICK" acronym.
 - **I** look at a book
 - **Purpose** - What is the purpose for reading this book?
 - **Interest** - Are you interested in this book?
 - **Comprehend** - Do you understand what you read?
 - **Know** all the words - Do you know most of the words?
4. In order to provide a wide range of materials to choose from, make a weekly visit to the public library with your child, encourage your child to bring books home from the school library, or even exchange books with his/her friends.

Thank you for your continued support at home!

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