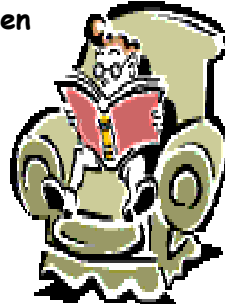


2. Understand what good readers do and help your child understand them, too! Good readers:

- a. Understand that they must take responsibility for constructing meaning using their prior knowledge,
- b. Develop a repertoire of reading strategies, organizational patterns, and genre,
- c. Think strategically, plan, monitor their comprehension, and revise their strategies,
- d. Have strategies for what to do when they do not know what to do,
- e. Have self-confidence that they are effective learners; see themselves as people able to actualize their potential, and
- f. See success as the result of hard work and efficient thinking.

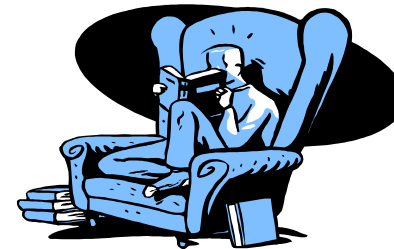


3. Be an active "Literacy Coach" for your child by doing the following things:

- a. Let your child see you reading.
- b. Let your child share his/her reading interests.
- c. Read and discuss news articles.
- d. Provide a rich variety of reading materials at home.
- e. Set a scheduled time for reading in the home.
- f. Discuss with your child what he/she is reading. Ask for specific things he/she remembers, likes/dislikes, characters he/she relates to, etc.
- g. Notice and comment on your child's interest in reading.
- h. Read aloud to your child -it's not just for little children!
- i. Find out how books are "leveled" so you can help your child pick a book that he/she will enjoy and read with ease!



What exactly is the.... STRIVE FOR TWENTY-FIVE Reading Program?



A Guide for Parents and Students
about the latest literacy sensation
at Taylor Road Middle School!

The Philosophy Behind the Program!

What helps a mind grow stronger and wiser every year? At Taylor Road Middle School, we believe that a mind grows through a healthy mental diet and that reading is a critical part of that diet. In other words, we think that we should all "tear into" good books!

Indeed, we want our students to read because we believe in "pouncing for success" and satisfying the mind's appetite. We also want our students to read because new state guidelines require that each student read 25 books within the 2011-2012 school year. We not only think our students can meet that goal; we think they can beat it!



How are we going to exceed that goal and celebrate books? We're going to kick off the challenge as soon as the school year begins! Let the party start by doing the following things:

Read, read, read for 30 minutes a day!

1. Complete the "Strive for Twenty-Five!" reading coupon for each book you read during the school year.
2. Keep track of the books you've read on the "Strive for Twenty-Five" tracking sheet. Throughout the 2011-2012 school year, you can earn fabulous prizes for every five books that you read! Read 25 and you may win a grand prize!

The Critical Dates for the Program!

When should your child be reading? Every day for 30 minutes!

When exactly will your child be recognized for the books that he/she has been so diligently reading?

1ST BOOK READ	DUE FRIDAY, -BOOK REPORT, TOO!
5TH BOOK READ	DUE FRIDAY,
10TH BOOK READ	DUE THURSDAY,
15TH BOOK READ	DUE FRIDAY,
20TH BOOK READ	DUE FRIDAY,
25TH BOOK READ	DUE FRIDAY,

If your child reads the number of books needed by each date above (and has them written in his/her "Strive for Twenty-Five" chart), he/she will receive a fantastic prize each time!



What Can Parents Do on the Home Front to Support their Child and their Reading?

1. Remind your child to ask the following questions anytime he/she reads:

- a. **What do I already know, or What do I think I know?**
- b. **What do I think will happen next?**
- c. **Do I have a picture in my mind?**
- d. **Do I understand? or Should I read it again?**