

Parent Connection

A Newsletter Full of Ideas to Help Your Child Become a Better Reader and Writer



Tip

Comic Strips and Graphic Novels

Read comics strips together. Share favorite comics from your childhood with your child. Your child can cut out his/her favorites and turn them into a scrapbook or place them on the refrigerator for reading again later.

Have you heard about graphic novels?

Graphic novels are book length comics. The story is told in a series of pictures with a limited amount of text. Unlike comic books, graphic novels are usually stand-alone stories. They have more complex plots. Many favorite children's stories have now been turned into graphic novels. Because of their growing popularity, graphic novels are found in most libraries.

Free Online Resources



Don't allow time for your child to say, "I'm bored." Here is a list of summer projects and great book lists to keep your child busy all summer long:

<http://www.bookunitteacher.com/parent/8.htm>

Activity to Try

With summer quickly approaching, many families spend a good bit of time in the car. Find some good audiobooks to listen to as you travel. Stop the audio after each chapter and discuss the story.

One way to make sure your child pays close attention is to play "Stump the Grownup." During discussion time, challenge your child to try to stump you with some good questions. Then it is your turn, to ask your child two or three questions about the story.

This activity makes the trip fun and really helps your child improve listening skills.

Thinking Out of the Box

Go to the store and pick out the perfect greeting card for a birthday, Father's Day, or other upcoming event. Discuss which cards were the best, made you laugh, were mushy, etc.

