



FAMILY READING FUN FOR 3rd – 5th GRADE STUDENTS

- **Swap!** On certain nights per week, swap evening TV for a chance to read a good action story or tale of adventure.
- **Create!** Have your child create their own picture book with their own personal drawings or pictures that are cut from magazines. For each picture, have your child write a sentence that describes what the picture is about.
- **Play!** If your child has a poem she especially likes, ask them to act it out. Ask your child to make a face to show the way the character in the poem is feeling. Making different faces adds emotion to the performer's voice. After her performance, praise them for doing a good job.
- **Read!** The next time you cook with your child, read the recipe with them. Step-by-step instructions, ingredients, and measurements are all part of words in print!
- **Create!** Ask your child to help you make lists—chores to do, errands to run, a grocery list. When your child tries to spell words as she writes, she is thinking about the relationships between sounds and letters. Children need lots of practice as they are learning to write. As your child spells words, she breaks them into parts and connects letters to the sounds of the word parts.
- **Swap!** When your child asks to stay up a little longer, say yes, but only if it is a 15-minute family reading opportunity.