



**Children who read for enjoyment everyday perform better in school, develop strong vocabulary, acquire new knowledge, and are poised for success now (in school) and later (in the real world). As a parent, you can nurture their growth with our 10 Stress-Free Ideas to Encourage Reading!**

- 1) Place books wherever your kids will be! Leave books in their car seats, on their pillows, in the bathroom, and on the kitchen table.
- 2) Model the behavior! Make sure your kids catch you reading the newspaper, magazines, and books ALL the time.
- 3) Write messages for your kids on white boards, the bathroom mirror, or in their lunchboxes. A small message of love is not threatening to read and will improve sight word reading skills.
- 4) Practice reading a poem and then make a video of the reading. Re-reading the same words repetitively improves reading fluency!
- 5) Encourage kids to read stories to their stuffed animals.
- 6) Have kids perform a reading of their favorite book or passage to relatives over video chat.
- 7) Have your kids read the baking instructions in a recipe, then bake and enjoy!
- 8) Read aloud to your kids and stop at words you think they will know or can try to sound out.
- 9) Read aloud while your kids follow along. Purposely make mistakes and challenge your kids to correct you!
- 10) Read aloud ALL the time! No single activity encourages kids to read, improves comprehension skills, and promotes joyful snuggles like reading aloud to your kids!

**Koala Coach** makes parenting easier and helps children achieve success in school as confident, engaged learners. Our subscription-based program empowers parents with playful exercises and games in math, reading, and writing that can be incorporated into everyday routines. All of the activities come with a discussion of the concept being taught as well as ways to modify or extend the activity for different types of learners.