

BIG IDEA



An easy way for dads and kids to spend time together is by picking a book and reading together. Reading with your child will broaden their imagination and encourage creativity, while strengthening your relationship. Spend time this month making time to read together as a family and look for ways to emphasize reading while at home, at school, and in your community.

ACT IT OUT

At Home: Kids love to hear stories about themselves. Think of a time that you could write a short story about them and make it into a book. Find supplies at the local craft store or make a blank book. Write the story out on the pages but leave room on each page. Then read the story to your child and ask them to draw what you wrote. This will make a lasting keepsake that you can enjoy over and over again.

At School: Parents are sometimes a teacher's best untapped resource. Coordinate with your child's school administration and/or parent involvement committee to organize a Read-In. Together with your All Pro Dad's Day chapter, ask parents to sign up to come to school and read a book to your child's class. It can be for a week or over the course of a month.

In Community: With all the technological advances of our time, books are losing their popularity. Take time to visit your local library. Before you go, talk about what kind of book you'll want to find and how you'll do it. Ask the librarian for help if you need to. Explore the books and talk about what it takes to write a book.

TALK ABOUT IT



- Week 1:** Do you like reading? Why or why not? What are your favorite kinds of books to read?
- Week 2:** What time should we pick to spend time reading together?
- Week 3:** Why do you think reading together should be important to our family?
- Week 4:** How many books did we read this month? Which book was your favorite and why?

CALENDAR YOUR KIDS



On your child's birthdate day, schedule a specific time to spend with your child. *Example: Your child's birthday is 10/15. You would plan time for that child on the 15th of each month.*

Beginner Idea: Pick a book with your child and spend time reading together. Talk about why they like the book and lessons they learn.

Advanced Idea: Spend time with your child creating your own stories by using Mad (Dad) Libs. Write your own Dad Libs or purchase a book of Mad Libs.