



# Advice for Parenting Gifted Readers

- When helping your child to choose a book, look at non-fiction, biography, poetry, and other genres for more inspiration.
- *Help your child to do an "Advanced Search" on [arbookfind.com](http://arbookfind.com).*
- When you find authors your child likes, stick with them.
- *Encourage your child to begin reading a book series.*
- Engage in joint storybook reading and reading aloud at any age.
- *Set aside time for everyone in your home to read.*
- Ask your child questions about plot, character development, or other literary elements to help him/her look beyond the "one right answer" and to engage in critical thinking.
- *Give your child opportunities to write creative stories, poems, and letters to increase literacy.*
- Visit your local library often to get your child comfortable with checking out books and to involve him/her in activities there.
- *Encourage your child to read other written materials, such as newspapers, magazines, comics, and Internet websites.*
- Suggest literary activities on the computer, such as using Microsoft Publisher and PowerPoint.
- *Find some fun literary games on the computer, such as [starfall.com](http://starfall.com) and [primarygames.com](http://primarygames.com).*

## EXCELLENT RESOURCES:

*Some of My Best Friends Are Books:  
Guiding Gifted Readers from Preschool to High School.*

[www.hoagiesgifted.org](http://www.hoagiesgifted.org)

[www.prufrock.com](http://www.prufrock.com)



# Advice for Parenting Gifted Children

- Plan monthly educational field trips to places such as museums, plays, concerts, historical sites, local businesses, nature preserves, and parks. Look at kids' activities offered in cities like St. Louis, as well as in our own community.
- Plan various hands-on activities at home with your child, including cooking, experimenting, and building.
- Encourage your child to get involved in athletics and other organized activities, but also show the value of community service, playing games with the family, and free time.
- Listen to different types of music on the radio to expose your child to different ideas, cultures, and ways of looking at things.
- Encourage your child to research areas of interest. It's never too early to start dreaming about future careers.
- Explain that you can be successful without being perfect, and help your child to set goals that stress improvement.

## Helpful Websites

[www.hoagiesgifted.org](http://www.hoagiesgifted.org)

[www.prufrock.com](http://www.prufrock.com)

[www.education.com](http://www.education.com)