HOW TO SHARE BOOKS WITH YOUR 6 to 10 YEAR OLD

- Young school children who read with their parents regularly learn to love books.
- They enjoy special time reading with you, the most important person in their world.
- Don’t stop reading out loud together when children begin to read on their own. In fact reading together will continue to be both fun and rewarding.
- Children in elementary school are learning to read on their own. It still is important for you to continue to read to your child as they are learning to read.
- Books for young children are full of adventure, imagination, and excitement. This appeals to both children and their parents.
- Some children must work harder than others to learn to break the “code.” It is harder for them to connect letters to sounds, words and ideas. Reading great stories out loud with these children pushes them to want to put in the extra effort they will need. This will help them master the code and learn to read on their own.
- Reading and talking about the books you read with young children builds their vocabulary.
- Talking about the books you read will boost their reading comprehension. It will increase their knowledge of the world.
- This special one-on-one time will continue to build your bond with your child. It can build his self-confidence and increase his interest in learning. It will help him learn to handle small stresses.
- Spend 10-30 minutes every day reading together. This can be a part of your bedtime routine.
- This should be a time free of TV, texting, and other distractions.
- This may become the best time of your day!

6 to 10 YEAR OLDS CAN:
- Choose a book from school, from the library, or with you that they want to read together.
- Begin to sound out some of the words in books. They may be able to read easily depending on their age and ability.
- Predict (before turning the page) what might happen next in a story.
- Retell a part of or the entire story you are reading.
- Tell you what they think about the story. They can imagine how they might have changed some parts of it, if they had written it themselves.
- Talk about how the story reminds them of things they have done or how they have felt.

YOU CAN:
- Find a quiet, cozy place to cuddle up together with a good book
- Let your child practice his reading skills by reading out loud. You can take turns reading a page or chapter with him.
- Stop and ask your child to tell you what he thinks about the story. Ask how he thinks the people in the story are feeling. See if he can guess what may happen next.
- Read with joy and enjoyment. Respond with interest to your child’s questions and thoughts.
- Ask your child to imagine how he might have told this story differently. Ask what message this story may have given him.
- Take your child to your local public library. Help him choose books you both want to read together.
- Remember that reading together starting when children are young is powerful. It is a way to build healthy habits that can last a lifetime. There is a huge return on this investment!