

# 12 TIPS Prek-8 Students

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**Predicting.** Look at the book cover together and predict what the book is about.

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**Reread familiar books.** Children need practice reading comfortably and with expression using books and activities they know and enjoy.

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**Repeat math problems.** Children need to practice problems they previously had difficulty working.

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**Build reading accuracy.** As your child is reading aloud, point out words he/she misses and help him/her read words correctly. If you stop to focus on a word, have your child reread the entire sentence to be sure he/she understands the meaning.

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**Practice for understanding.** Have your child focus on the practice of solving a math problem, not just getting the correct answer.

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**Build reading comprehension.** Talk with your child about what he/she is reading. Talk about what happened in the story. Ask about characters, places and events that take place. Ask what new information he/she has learned from the book.

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**Share conversations.** During meal times or any time you are together, include your child in the conversation. Children learn words more easily when they hear them spoken often. Children learn math more easily when they see and learn how it connects to the real world. Allow them to speak and respond directly to what they have said.

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**Do something together every day.** Spend time talking about stories, pictures and words. Work math problems into your everyday routine, such as a trip to the grocery store or ATM machine. This is precious time together with huge rewards later in life.

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**Be your child's best advocate.** Stay informed about your child's progress in reading and math. Ask for teacher conferences if you feel it's necessary.

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**Be a reader, writer and mathematician.** Children learn habits from role models around them. Share what you're reading or a math problem you are solving.

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**Be positive about math.** Tell children regularly they can do math and they are good at it. Make it a positive, fun experience, not a dreaded one.

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**Visit your library often.** Families may use this opportunity to engage in story time, use the computers and receive help with homework...and check out books that are available to improve math or simply a story on a topic your child enjoys.

