

Every child begins school wanting to read!!

The National Reading Report Card shows that:

Among fourth-graders, only 54% read something for pleasure every day

Among eighth-graders, only 30% read for pleasure daily.

By twelfth grade, only 19% read anything for pleasure daily.

We have 100 percent interest by kindergarten but lose 78 percent of our potential lifetime readers by senior year. (Trelease, p1)

How do we teach children to speak?

We talk to them.

Over, and Over, and Over again.

Reading aloud to your child helps them to read.

By reading out loud:

- the child relates reading with pleasure
 - creates background knowledge
 - builds vocabulary
 - provides a reading role model
 - helps with grammar
 - improves spelling & writing

Children spend 900 hours a year in school.

They spend 7,800 hours outside of school.

The more you read, the better you get at it; the better you get at it, the more you like it; and the more you like it, the more you do it.