

E-READING TIPS FOR PARENTS

- 1 **Change the font size and style of text.** Increase the text size so that there are fewer words on the page, making it easier to read for children to decode words. Or give your child the opportunity to select their favorite fonts to personalize their reading experience.
- 2 **Explore free classics.** Did you know there are thousands of free classic books available in eBook format? From *The Adventure of Huckleberry Finn* to *Pride & Prejudice*, many pre-1926 out-of-copyright books are free to download.
- 3 **Check out eBooks from the local library.** Your local library may also lend eBooks, providing another unique opportunity for you to provide your child even greater access to books.
- 4 **Look up the definitions of words as you read.** Come across an unfamiliar word? With eBooks, you can highlight or tap a word to view its definition, supporting both vocabulary development and a child's curious nature.
- 5 **Highlight your favorite passages.** Have your child mark his or her favorite parts of a book, whether they are images or quotes, and view them later when reviewing a story, studying, or even sharing with one another.
- 6 **Add notes to the text as you read.** Ask your child to make notes within the text to remember key characters or themes or reinforce any new lessons they encounter as they read.
- 7 **Access your eBooks across multiple devices.** Many eBooks are accessible across devices, including your e-reader, smart phone, tablet, and even home computer, allowing your child to have a book available to them wherever you go.
- 8 **Learn about eBooks that read the text aloud.** Some eBooks and e-readers support features that read the book aloud while the text highlights, reinforcing word recognition and pronunciation for young readers.
- 9 **Carry and read multiple books at once.** With eBooks, you can carry many books with you without the weight of a heavy backpack or bag.
- 10 **Tackle that lengthy novel.** The size of a book can discourage children (and even adults!) from picking up a longer form novel. With eBooks, your child can dive right in without the intimidation factor of a big novel.
- 11 **Encourage struggling readers.** Children who may be reading at a level below their grade may be self-conscious carrying books that are different than their peers. With eBooks, these children do not have to feel excluded by advertising their reading level.

