

Making Reading Connections at Home

1. Surround your children with stories. Tell bedtime stories. Teach nursery rhymes. Take them to story time sessions at your local library. Listen to books on tape in the car.

2. Help kids find the kind of books that **appeal to them:** adventure stories, mysteries, science fiction, animal stories, and humor books – whatever they find most engaging.

3. Ask kids about what they're reading. What are the characters like? What might happen next? What makes the book exciting or scary or funny?

4. Engage kids in **everyday reading:** notes in their lunchbox, instructions, nutritional info on cereal boxes, recipes, road signs, newspapers, or magazines.

5. Set a good example by **reading yourself.** Also share challenging games and **puzzles** such as crosswords.

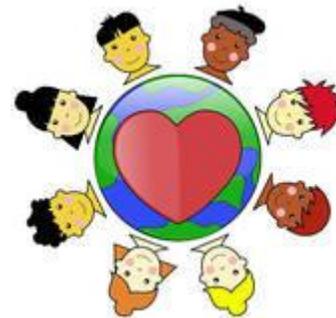
6. Encourage kids to **read to you.** Resist the urge to correct mispronunciations or other mistakes. Focus on enjoying the story together.

7. Give books and magazines as **gifts.**

8. Before a **Book Fair**, go over the booklist. Point out books in categories they enjoy, new books from favorite authors, and books you enjoyed as a child.

ESOL

English Speakers of
Other Languages



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Rockhill Elementary embraces diversity. We encourage our language learners to value their bilingualism as a strength and asset to our school.

ESL Instructional Models

We use two main instructional models to make the content material accessible to our language learners. These models are **pull out and instruction, inclusion**. Below are some details about each model!

Pull-Out

In this instructional model, students are taken out of their general education classroom to receive ESOL services for a short period of time during the day. "Pull-out" enables students to develop

academic language skills in a small group setting with the ESOL teacher.

Inclusion

In the inclusion model, ESOL students remain in their classroom and the ESOL teacher co-teaches the class with the general education teacher. The classroom and ESOL teacher co-plan lessons together. The ESOL teacher consults with the classroom teacher on a daily basis and provides additional classroom support to all students in the classroom.

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"One language sets you in a corridor for life. Two languages open every door along the way."

-Frank Smith