

# Parent to Parent of Georgia Literacy Training Series



**Read Fiction and Nonfiction**

# Why Does Reading at Home Matter?

- Builds vocabulary and comprehension
- Strengthens parent-child connection
- Reinforces classroom learning
- Encourages a lifelong love of reading



# Fiction vs. Nonfiction: What's the Difference?

- **Fiction:** made-up stories (e.g., fairy tales, adventures)
- **Nonfiction:** real facts and information (e.g., science, biographies)
- Both types help children develop different reading skills



# Reading Fiction

- Encourage imagination and curiosity
- Ask open-ended questions:
  - “What do you think will happen next?”
  - “How would you feel if you were that character?”
- Talk about the story:
  - Who are the characters?
  - What’s the problem?
  - How is it solved?
- Let your child retell the story in their own words, act out the story, or draw a picture about it.

# Reading Nonfiction

- **Nonfiction gives real, factual information**
- **Key text features help readers understand:**
  - *Table of Contents* – main topics & page numbers
  - *Index* – find terms quickly
  - *Glossary* – word meanings
  - *Captions & Charts* – quick facts & visuals
- **Kids can read the sections that interest them most**



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# Set a Schedule

- Set aside 15–20 minutes daily for reading
- Alternate between fiction and nonfiction books
- Ask questions that spark thinking and conversation:
  - “What did you learn?”
  - “What happened in the story?”
- Visit the library and let your child choose books

# Please complete this questionnaire.

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# Resources:

- Reading Rockets
  - [Nonfiction for Kids](#)
  - [How to Read Nonfiction Text](#)
- SMART Reading – Reading Matters Handouts
  - <https://www.getsmartoregon.org/assets/Final-Parent-Handout-1.pdf>
- Reading Is Fundamental \_RIF
  - [Read Aloud Support](#)