

Add student choice and creativity to reading homework routines.

Reading Homework Menu

How will you complete your twenty minutes of reading tonight?

Here are some fun ways to read!

Read to a family member while they make a meal.



Read under a tree.



Read while waiting.

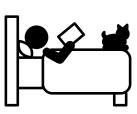
Read a story about friendship.



Start a new book!



Read in bed.



Read to a pet.



Read a story that has a mystery to solve.



Go to the library and get more books!



Set a timer. How many pages did you read in 20 minutes? Can you tell someone what happened in the story?

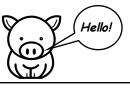
Read when you're on a trip out of town.



Read to someone on Facetime or Skype.



Read a story with a talking animal in it.



Dress up like a character from your book, then read!



Read about someone your age.



that teaches you how to do something.

Read a book

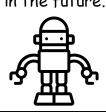
Read with a flashlight.



Read aloud to a friend or family member.



Read a story that takes place in the future.



Write a report about that book you just finished.



Read aloud to a "class" of stuffed animals.



Read a story that is set in the past.



Read a book about your favorite cartoon or video game character. Read outside.



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Dear Teacher:

My philosophy about reading homework is that if you create too many restrictions, it is less likely to get done. Offering choices builds enthusiasm among students, and makes it easier for parents to get creative with how homework is completed. This menu also gently reminds parents of ways that their child can still get their reading done, even if it is a busy afternoon.

I send these home with my kids at the beginning of the school year and again, during conferences. Families can post these on the refrigerator (or elsewhere) for reference. However, there are other options for this simple menu, including:

- 1. Having students color in the icons for the activities they've completed.
- Periodically offering a bingo challenge, and offering an incentive for completing an entire row or column. (The center square makes a good free space, especially if technology is not readily available to all of your families.)
- 3. Handing out a new one each month. Challenge your students to complete as many squares as possible.

I'm sure your creative teacher brain will come up with other fun activities. I hope you find this **Reading Homework Menu** worthwhile and enjoyable!



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