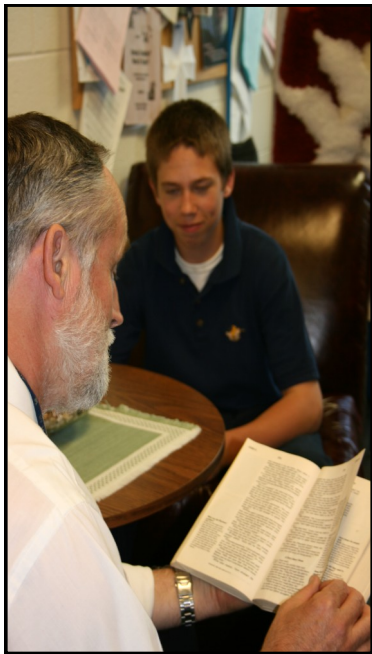


Boys' Literacy Tip



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Let's Get Them Reading

Without a doubt, reading is the most important skill children must develop. If they can't read, they can't succeed. So, how do we get kids, specifically boys, to read more and to make reading a life-long habit?

Jon Scieszka, author of *The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs* and *The Stinky Cheese Man and other Fairly Stupid Tales*, is also the founder of **Guys Read**, a web-based literacy program for boys. Scieszka maintains that we can motivate boys to read by connecting them with materials they will want to read. Here are a few of his suggestions:

- Expand our definition of reading to include more non-fiction, humour, graphic novels, and audio books
- Give boys choice by finding out what they want and letting them choose from a newer, wider range of reading materials
- Encourage more men to be role models in reading
- Start small because we can't change habits overnight.

For more information on getting boys to read, check out **Guys Read** at <http://www.guysread.com/>.

Listening to Read

We can promote reading habits in boys by having them listen to audio books. Studies suggest that listening to books on tape helps boys with fluency, pronunciation, and pacing. The Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board, in recognition of the importance of audio books as a great motivator, has purchased a large selection for teachers to use in the classroom.

For more information on audio books, and for a list of titles for your child, take a look at **Guys Listen** at <http://library.booksontape.com/guyslisten.cfm>.

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