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Feb 22, 2021

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Studies show that reading aloud to kids—even to older ones who can read on their own—makes them better readers. Try to have “story time” every day, and let your children choose the material, whether it’s a novel, a joke book, or a children’s encyclopedia.

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Feb 23, 2021

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Walt Disney was once fired for lack of imagination! Show your child the power of persistence by looking up “famous failures” online. Your youngster can remember the eventual success of people you read about when the going gets tough.

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Take a walk and let your child carry a compass (or use the compass app on your phone). Your youngster can develop a better sense of direction by announcing which way you are going. (“We are heading north right now, and we’ll go west at the next stop sign.”)

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Feb 25, 2021

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Psst … here’s a secret to getting better listening. When you need to give instructions, such as “Please put on your socks and shoes,” try whispering. Your child will have to stop and pay close attention to hear and understand what you’re saying.

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Feb 26, 2021

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Today is Tell a Fairy Tale Day. Celebrate by retelling fairy tales with your child, perhaps “Jack and the Beanstalk” or “Cinderella.” Try to remember as many details as possible. Then, check the library for new versions of traditional fairy tales.

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Feb 27, 2021

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Dinner-table conversations are good practice for class discussions. To make sure everyone gets a chance to talk, have your child choose a special token, such as a paperweight or a rock. Whoever holds the token gets to speak while the others listen.

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Feb 28, 2021

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Sunday night is a good time to prepare for Monday morning. For online learning, your children might organize their workspaces and charge their laptops. Or if they’re going to school, they could pack their backpacks and set them by the door with socks and shoes.