



10 Commandments of How To Turn Your Children Into Lifelong Readers

- 1** Stay away from portable DVD players. DVD players may give you some peace, but at tremendous cost to your children. Bring books everywhere you go.
- 2** Do not buy a car with DVD players in the back seat. The conversation and storytelling and singing that families can do while in the car is critical in developing the fondness families share.
- 3** Do not allow a television in your child's bedrooms. Monitor what they watch on TV and how much they watch.
- 4** Computers should be in a common area, so, you can monitor their usage.
- 5** Fill your environment with books, magazines and newspapers. Let yourself be seen reading everyday. You are the most influential person your children will ever know.
- 6** Provide your child with books before they can even talk.
- 7** Provide your child with age-appropriate books at each stage of their development.
- 8** Read to your child every day. Continue to read to or with them at least until they reach Middle School. *This is SO important.* Provide a variety of books, fun, adventure, mystery, and fantasy.
- 9** Maintain an interest in what your children are reading. Ask them about the book, talk about ideas they have come across, and why they did or did not like a book.
- 10** Guide your children's reading and **Read Together!**

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