

Fall Back Into Reading

Pumpkins are withering on front stoops and piles of golden leaves are being replaced by skiffs of snow. As the days shorten and the mercury dips, there are few things more tempting than curling up in an easy chair with a blanket, cup of hot cocoa at your elbow and a pile of books beside you. But with our busy lives, it's often hard to find that kind of time. It's especially tough for children, whose after-school hours are often packed with sports and lessons.

Try using daily activities as an opportunity to sneak in some reading.

- Take turns reading store signs and road signs
- Read the cereal box at the breakfast table
- Bake cookies, after reading the recipe, of course
- Keep some books and magazines in the car to read on the way to lessons or sports
- Have a family games night and read the instructions
- Read comic books
- Let your child use quality websites that encourage reading
supersimplelearning.com or starfall.com

You might like to try some of these autumn-themed books for your early readers:

- Awesome Autumn by Bruce Goldstone
- A Poppy Is To Remember by Heather Patterson
- Hello Snow by Hope Vestergaard
- When Winter Comes by Nancy Van Laan
- There Was a Cold Lady Who Swallowed Some Snow by Lucille Colandro

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