How To Encourage Your Child to Read for Pleasure

- Ask your child what s/he likes about the book s/he is reading.
- Encourage reading series & sequels & follow authors
- Read the books s/he is reading so you can have "book talks".
- Keep reading aloud to your child, especially the harder "Classics".
- Read new, harder books WITH your child, especially at the beginning of the read.
- Have comfortable, inviting places to read with good lighting.
- Limit the screen time & no TVs in his/her bedroom.
Suggest A Variety of Hands-On Activities About the Book

- Draw/illustrate the story or parts of the story into a comic strip or movie storyboard.
- Put on a play or puppet show about parts or all of the story.
- Make character costumes & have "Spotlight On.......".
- Write a sequel to the story & have an "Author’s Reading".
- Visit the book/author’s website.
- Make a food or craft inspired by the book’s story.
- Write a letter to the author.
- Make a Book Seller’s poster about the book.
Check the Readability of Your Child’s Book Choices

- Open to a random page in the new book & have your child read.
- More than 4 word recognition errors means the book is too hard for independent reading.
- See if s/he understands the more difficult vocabulary words.
- Ask your child for a brief re-tell of the content read.
- Look on the back of the book for a Reading Level - RL.
- Ask for help from the librarian or bookseller if you can’t find it.
- Allow Too Hard as a “Free Choice” to read together.