

THE PARENT-CHILD BOOK CLUB

CONNECTING WITH YOUR KIDS THROUGH READING

A COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE TO ORGANIZING AND
CONDUCTING YOUR FAMILY BOOK CLUB

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HELPFUL RESOURCES TO HAVE NEARBY

- Dictionary
- Thesaurus
- Children's Encyclopedia
- Children's Atlas or General Atlas
- Science Reference Book
- Art History Book
- A Timeline Book such as *The Timetables of History* or *Timelines of World History* (See Chapter 7)

**ALLOWING FOR DIFFERENT READING
AND COMPREHENSION LEVELS**

Next, in terms of preparation, is crafting questions that will stimulate all members of the group, no matter what their reading level or level of comprehension.

The parent-child book club format can work with children at varying developmental levels. Our model even works with children who are reluctant readers. As you well know from spending time with your children or grandchildren, each child is an individual with different interests and passions. Children between the ages of four and nine have widely differing attention spans. There also can be a large difference in attention span among children of the same age. Some children may have longer attention spans for the actual story and related questions while others might be more engaged in the puzzles or activities. There can also be a large difference in reading ability and the ability to put