

## PARP SUGGESTIONS FOR OLDER CHILDREN

While children in the younger grades appreciate the opportunity to read aloud with their parents, older students (those in grades 4-6) may find it cumbersome or awkward. It is important to the PARP program that students and parents participate in reading together. This serves to model the value, and often enjoyment, of reading as a lifetime activity. Offered below are a few suggestions for reading together that might be more appealing to older students than the traditional "reading aloud." Please encourage your older child's participation in PARP and use this program as an opportunity to share time and interests with your child.

- ◆ Parents and child read at the same time. Each may be reading something different but both are reading at the same time.
- ◆ Play Scrabble.
- ◆ Have your child read Trivia Cards while you try to answer the questions.
- ◆ Gather facts and information for the upcoming Science Fair project.
- ◆ Have your child read instructions or directions to you (i.e. read directions for a new card game or instructions on assembling something).
- ◆ Read about a shared interest (i.e. golf, archeology, sports or fashion).
- ◆ Have your child read a newspaper or magazine article to you, maybe while you're cooking, ironing or doing another rote task.
- ◆ Research something together (i.e. the Westward movement, a cowboy's life on the range).
- ◆ Look something up on the internet together and read about it.
- ◆ Visit the library or a bookstore and read jacket covers and parts of books together in an effort to pick out a book.
- ◆ Have your child read from their text book and quiz you on the chapter questions.
- ◆ Read a couple of five minute mysteries.
- ◆ Have your child read to you while you are riding in the car.
- ◆ Research a possible vacation spot.