Family Reading Adventures

Reading together as a family is one of the most important ways to support your students’ reading growth and learning any time of the year. Add to the excitement with activities that start or end with great books!

Adventures in Artifacts
Students can discover more about your family and create an artifact journal. Each person can choose any item that represents an important part of their life or personality. Then write a short explanation for the artifact they chose. Gather to read your artifact explanations to each other.

- Library Mouse: Museum Adventure Grades K–2
- Research: Primary Source Artifacts Grades 1–3
- Investigating Machu Picchu Grades 3–9

Adventures in Mapping Memories
Each child can draw a map of their community, noting the places they go most often, such as schools, parks, stores, etc. Adults can draw maps of the communities they remember from their own childhoods. Then share with each other.

- Look and Remember Grades Pre-K–1
- Maps: What You Need to Know Grades 1–3
- The Story Behind Maps Grades 3–5

Adventures into the Future
Adults can write a letter to each child as if the child will be reading it 10 years into the future. Children can write letters to themselves as if they were writing them 10 years into their future. Then read the letters together and compare the hopes and wishes.

- The Amazing Adventures of Superman: Escape from Future World Grades K–2
- Humanoid Robots: Running into the Future Grades 3–9
- The Future of Life on Earth Grades 6–10
Adventures with the President
Encourage students to write a letter to any president in the world. Share their worries, ideas for solving problems, or even things about their community the president should know. These letters can be read as a family, shared with extended family, teachers, or a favorite community member.

Suggested Books
- Up the President's Nose Grades Pre-K–3
- So You Want to be President of the United States Grades 3–5
- U.S. Presidents: Truth and Rumors Grades 3–9

Adventures in Biographies
Ask your student about a famous person they have studied or are studying. Then ask them to write about that person's life or create a visual summary. Include information on the person's birth, accomplishments, family, education, personality, and what things they learned from this person's life story.

Suggested Books
- Ellison Onizuka Grades K–1
- When Rosa Parks Went Fishing Grades 1–4
- Cesar Chavez Grades 3–9

Adventures in Goal Setting
Start the school year out strong by asking your student to create a list of two to three goals for the year in each of these areas: academics, friendships, progress towards life-long goals (such as career, health, or family goals), extracurricular activities, and emotional development.

Suggested Books
- Katie Finds a Job Grades K–2
- A Day in the Life of a Nurse Grades 1–3
- Stress Less Grades 4–5