

THE READING CHAIR

Setting the stage for reading in your home is so important, especially for the unenthusiastic reader. Sometimes all that is needed is a little drama or magic. Identify a reading chair within your home and see how it excites your youngster to read!

Supplies: Chair; Books; Stickers or Prizes (opt.); Index Cards (opt.)

Designate a chair in your home or classroom to be the *reading chair*. You needn't do anything special to the chair, although placing a book basket and a comfy, warm blanket next to it might make it even more inviting. Model using the *reading chair* by regularly sitting in it to read, and by calling it "the reading chair." Tell your family or class that when you sit in the chair it makes you *feel* like a reader. Pump up the idea by saying that it's the absolute best place to read and it's even better when two people read together in the chair!

For added magic, place a sticker or prize under the cushion. After your learner reads, encourage him to look for the prize the reading chair gives its readers. "The chair rewards you for your hard work," you say. Or take a few index cards and write instructions on them such as: "Read a book with a friend," "Read one chapter today," or "Ask your dad to read you a story." Each day place a new reading card in the chair and watch how your learner follows the instructions! Don't be surprised if the reluctant reader who used to fight with you about reading suddenly listens to a chair and starts reading regularly!

That's the magic of the *Reading Chair*!



Extension Activities:

- Teachers can create a schedule so that each day a different student gets first dibs on the reading chair.
- Pick a chair outside that can become your family's outdoor reading chair. It could be a hammock, an Adirondack chair, a pool chair, or a chair on the front porch.

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