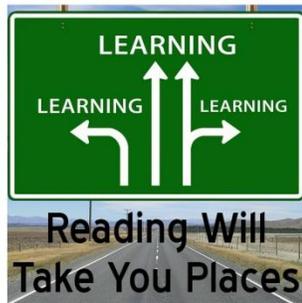
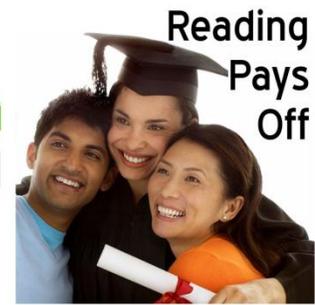
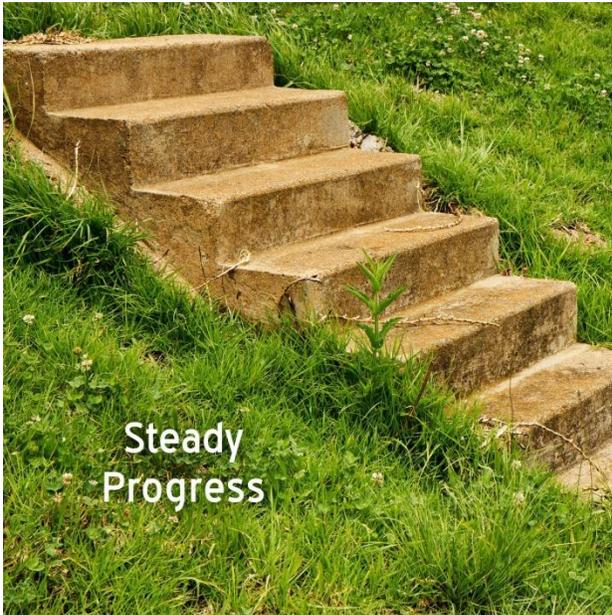


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 <p><b>Steady Progress</b> Learning to read happens step by step. Long breaks from active learning make it hard for your child to catch up. Reading during summer or winter break helps your child keep learning, even when school is out. Help your child grow as a reader by reading all year long.</p>	 <p><b>Community of Readers</b> Being part of a library reading program connects kids with other readers. Kids who see other kids (and adults) reading are more likely to read on their own.</p>	 <p><b>Reading Pays Off</b> It can be hard to find useful things for kids to do during school vacations. Library reading programs are free, safe, and educational. Being part of a reading program is a smart choice for kids and parents!</p>
 <p><b>Making It a Habit</b> Just like learning to tie your shoes, becoming a reader takes practice. Going to the library as a family, being part of a community of readers, and making independent book choices are ways to make reading a lifelong habit.</p>	 <p><b>Playing is Learning</b> Library reading programs often offer ways to explore information and ideas that don't always fit into the school day. Taking part in library programs lets your child explore different topics in a relaxed environment.</p>	 <p><b>Reading Choices</b> Kids who make their own book choices become better readers. Library reading programs help kids learn to enjoy reading by listening to stories and finding new books. Kids are motivated to keep reading when they make their own choices about what to read. Be a role model by talking to your child about what YOU like to read and why.</p>
 <p><b>Pride is the Prize</b> Reading <i>is</i> the prize! Kids do not need rewards to read—they need to feel proud of being a reader and to know that reading is important. Let your child know that you are proud of their reading. Take trips to the library together to get more books.</p>	 <p><b>Reading Will Take You Places</b> Using the library helps your child now and forever. When kids use the library to find information for personal interests or school projects, they are learning that the library is a place where they can find answers to anything.</p>	