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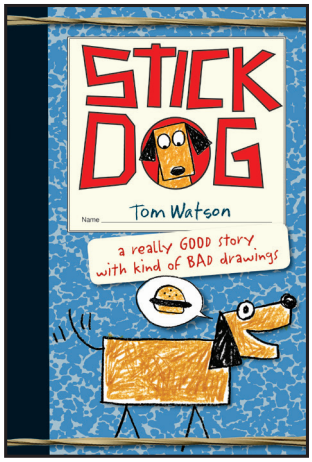

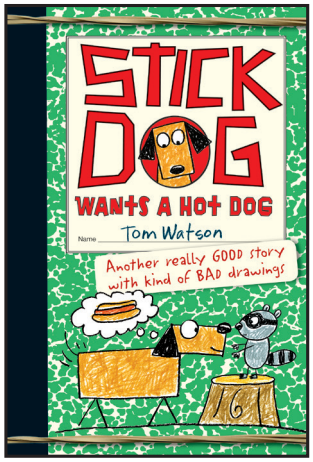

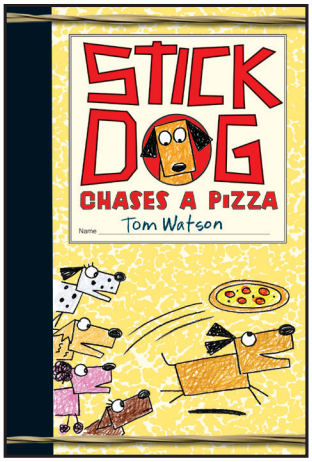

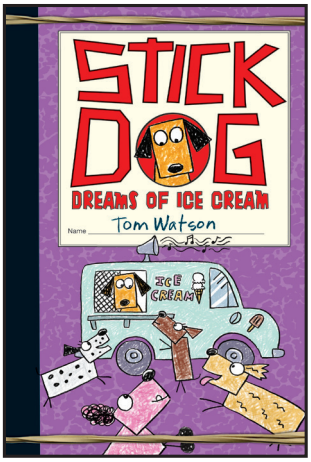

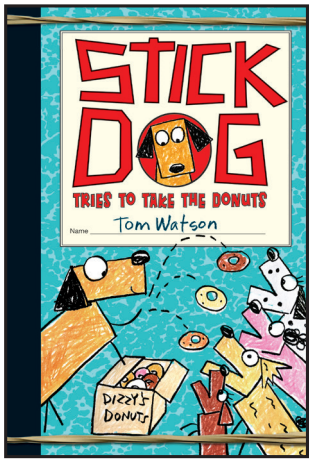

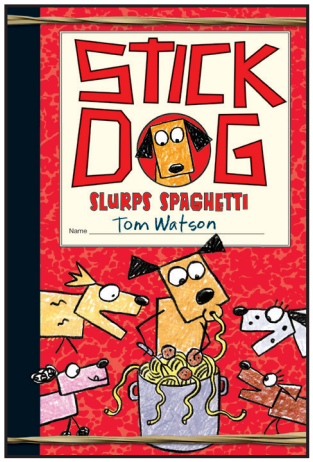

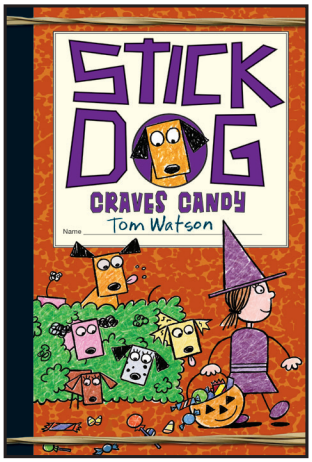

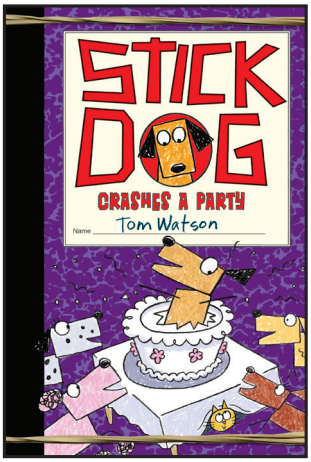

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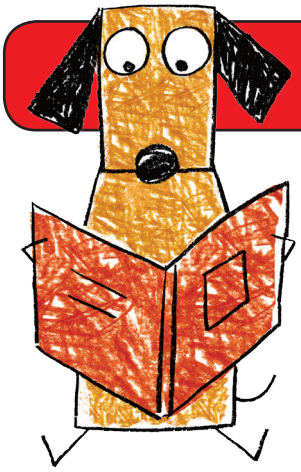
FIND THE PERFECT BOOK THAT STICKS.

In order to make reading a habit that STICKS, it's important to find books that are exciting and make reading fun! Have a parent or guardian help you complete the checklist below to discover what kinds of books you like to read.

- ❑ A book with a blue cover
- ❑ A book with a green cover
- ❑ A book with a red cover
- ❑ A book with a yellow cover
- ❑ A book about a dog
- ❑ A book about a cat
- ❑ A book with illustrations
- ❑ A book that takes place in space
- ❑ A book that takes place in the jungle
- ❑ A book about adventure
- ❑ A nonfiction book
- ❑ A funny book
- ❑ The first book in a series
- ❑ A book that takes place in winter
- ❑ A book with magic
- ❑ A fairytale
- ❑ A graphic novel
- ❑ A mystery
- ❑ A book about a boy
- ❑ A book about a girl
- ❑ A book about friendship
- ❑ An animal adventure
- ❑ A classic book
- ❑ A scary book
- ❑ A book about fairies
- ❑ A book of poems
- ❑ A biography
- ❑ A book that takes place during another time
- ❑ A book that takes place in made-up land
- ❑ A book that takes place in another country
- ❑ A book about traveling
- ❑ A book with a diverse character
- ❑ A book about confidence
- ❑ A book by a famous author
- ❑ A fantasy
- ❑ A book about orphans
- ❑ A book about wishes
- ❑ A book with dinosaurs
- ❑ A book with robots
- ❑ A book about superheroes
- ❑ A book that was made into a movie
- ❑ A book with unusual characters
- ❑ A book with family drama
- ❑ A book that takes place on a farm
- ❑ A book that takes place at the beach
- ❑ A book you loved when you were really little
- ❑ A book where things go wrong
- ❑ A book with an evil villain
- ❑ A book about food
- ❑ A book about saving the world
- ❑ A book about a quest
- ❑ A book about witchcraft
- ❑ A book with monsters
- ❑ A book with a character with my name
- ❑ A book about siblings
- ❑ A book about books
- ❑ A book about the environment
- ❑ A book with a pink cover
- ❑ A book with a purple cover
- ❑ A book with talking animals
- ❑ A book by a celebrity



Given the options you checked above, describe your perfect book!

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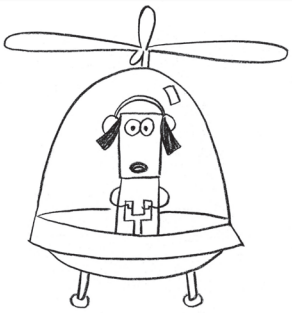
CAN'T FIND YOUR PERFECT BOOK? MAKE IT!



If the perfect book just doesn't exist, why not make one of your own? Use the boxes below to help work up some samples of what the perfect book looks like to you. The activity below is based on a book with illustrations.

Who knows? You may find you have a secret writing and drawing talent!

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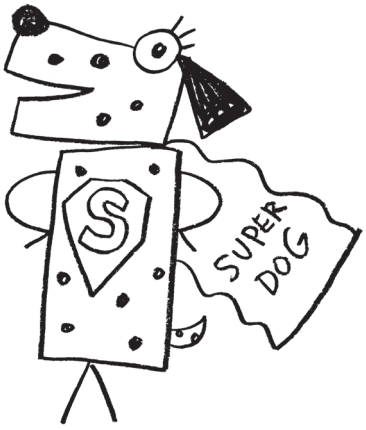
HOW TO STICK WITH READING? MAKE IT FUN.

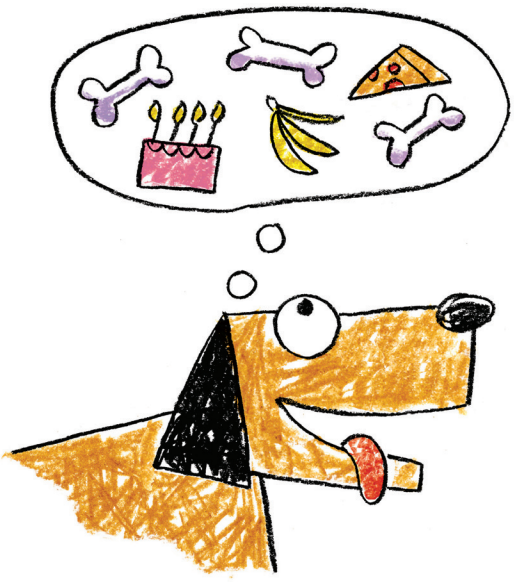
In order to make reading a habit that STICKS,
it's important to find books that are exciting and make reading fun!

Follow these tips to help make reading a habit that's fun.

1. Write a new chapter to the book you're reading, adding yourself in as a character! Are you a friend of the main character, the villain, or just someone passing through?



2. Put your artistic skills to use by drawing your favorite scene from the book you're reading. What do the characters look like? What setting are they in? Let your imagination run wild!



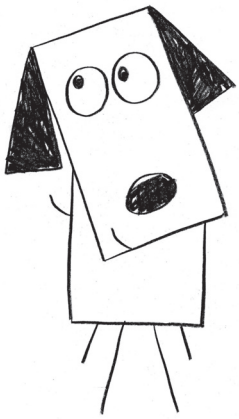
3. Coordinate your clothes to what the character in your book is wearing! It'll help better immerse you in the story and put you in their shoes (literally!).

4. Challenge yourself to read every day by setting a timer to ensure you're reading a certain amount of time each day. Do you find it hard to sit for the time you set for yourself or are you constantly reading longer than your goal?

5. Create a playlist of songs to accompany what you're reading. Pick songs that fit the mood of different scenes or remind you of different moments.

6. Read aloud to yourself to improve your focus. For added fun, try using different voices for each character!

7. Create a totally cozy reading nook. Pile up the blankets and pillows to create a space all your own to curl up with your book.



8. Alternate reading yourself and listening to your book on audiobook to give your eyes a break and imagination a chance to wander.

9. Reward yourself! After reading for a set period of time, reward yourself with a special treat for some positive reinforcement.

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CHALLENGE YOURSELF TO STICK WITH READING!

Just like brushing your teeth and doing your chores, reading is an important activity for every day! On the next page is a goal sheet and certificate to celebrate the challenge you set for yourself. Pick a goal (number of pages, number of books, whatever it is!) and a time period to make it STICK.

Use this page to set up your goals.

My Reading Goal

What is your reading goal? Read a total number of pages over the summer? Read ten books in one month? Read 50 pages per day for six weeks? With the help of a parent or guardian, write your goal here.

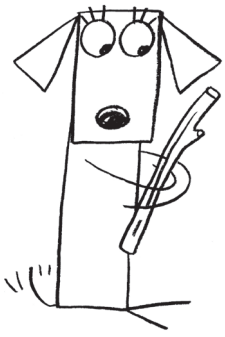
My reading goal: _____

Why I want to accomplish this goal: _____

For Parents—How You Can Help

As a parent, it's important to engage with what your kids are interested in and encourage their reading through positive feedback and interaction. Here are a few tips on fun things you can do to make reading a fun experience for both them and you!

1. Have your kids set a goal of pages they want to read over the next month with an enticing reward for them if they succeed!
2. Have your kids read to you before bed, instead of the other way around!
3. Making reading into a game of charades! While you or your child reads, the other must act out whatever is going on in the book!
4. Create a reading "check list" to challenge your kids to read different types of books.
5. Pick an adult book with a young reader companion novel and have your own parent-child book club!



6. Have your kids read a book that's been turned into a film, then plan a fun movie night when they've completed it.
7. Have your children help plan themed snacks around what they're reading so they can nourish their bodies and their minds!
8. Have your kids pick out a word from each new chapter they read that becomes the word of the day or week. Every member of your family must use this word during that day or week or face the consequences!
9. Start a reading "piggy bank." Set a goal, and for each hour your kid reads, put some money in a piggy bank to be used for something fun!
10. If your kids are reluctant readers, try playing an audiobook in the car and creating discussions about the book to get them interested!

Add Some Fun!

Can't get enough? Here are some great ways kids can challenge themselves and expand their reading!

1. Read a book with a cover you hate.
2. Read a book that's been sitting on your shelf but you've put off until now.
3. Read a book recommended by a teacher or librarian.
4. Listen to your favorite book on audiobook to gain a new perspective.
5. Read a book your parents enjoyed at your age.
6. If you're a boy, read a book you consider to be a "girl book," or if you're a girl, read something you consider to be a "boy book."

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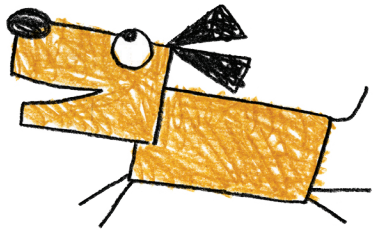
STICK WITH READING – GOAL SHEET



I commit to reading _____ books, from _____ to _____

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CONGRATULATIONS!

To: _____

For

STICKING WITH READING,

and reading ____ books

Date _____

Signed _____

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DRAW YOUR OWN STICK DOG!

In the space below, be creative and draw your own Stick Dog! Try drawing a few dogs that have different characteristics, like size, fur, color, and so on.

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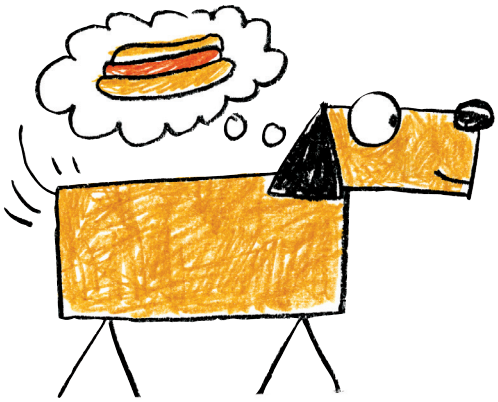
HUNGRY DOGS!

Stick Dog and the gang are always hungry for a snack.
What do you think Stick Dog will eat next? Draw it below!



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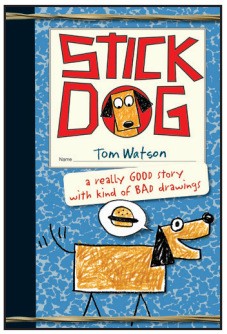

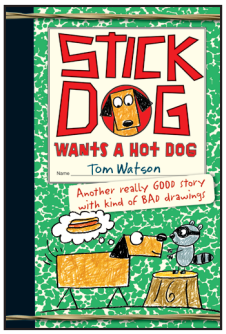

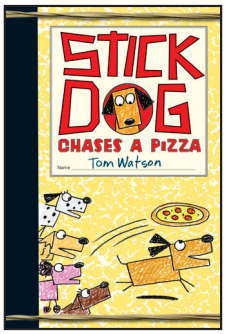

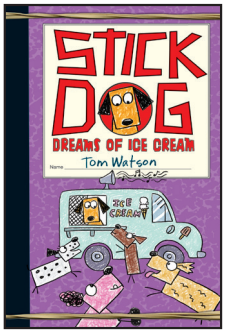

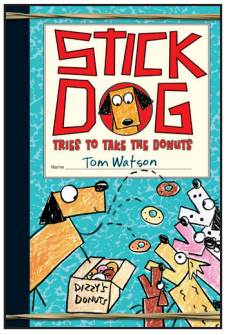

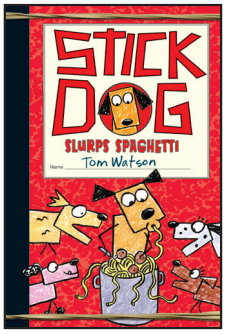

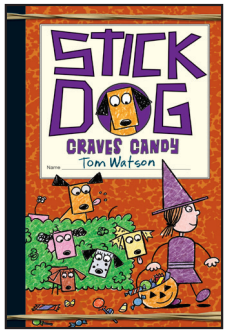

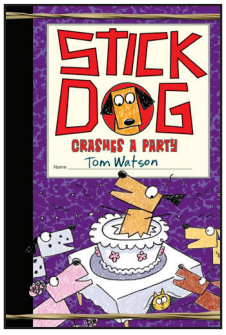

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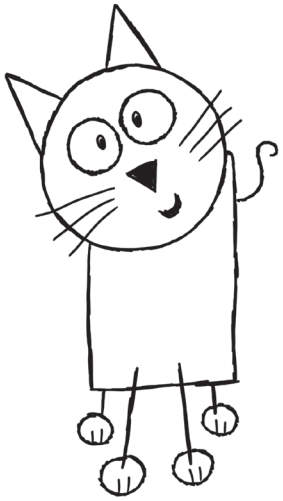

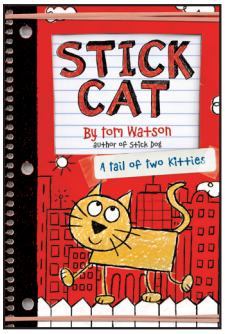

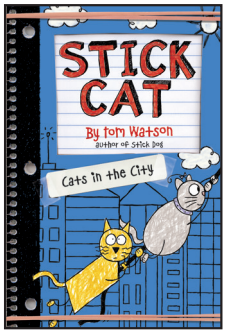

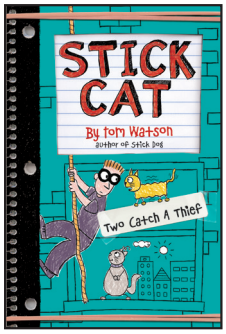

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