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i'll throw in my 2 cents. My son is seven and in dec. he finally caught one on his own with the fly rod-cast, set the hook, and landed. Take him along and talk to him about what you are doing and let him try. sometimes that is more productive than yard casting. he got bored with grassfish. i started with something he could master easier than mending-the roll cast. the confidence gained helps as you try to help him with new skills. i think sometimes just letting him wing the fly line around isn't that bad. it lets him develop feel for the rod and he has a blast doing it. if i'm not on a ffo stretch i always take a spinning rod for if he gets frustrated. even chasing bluegills with worms can teach him to find and fish structure or get the bobber to float to the structure. reading the water is half the battle. lakes, streams, whatever-find eager fish. and yes let him play your fish. I'm pretty lucky. my boy will fish dark to dark unless you make him stop. a bag of scooby snacks and some water and he's good to go.