

Tips For Helping Your Child Read At Home

How To Choose What To Read

- Read books and poems that your child will find interesting because of the pictures, subject or characters.
- Share your favorite books from childhood.
- Reread old favorites over and over again: children learn a lot about the reading process when they listen to and read familiar stories.

When You Are Reading With Your Child:

- Talk with your child about the title and cover.
- Look at the pictures and predict what might happen in the story.
- Read with expression.
- Give your child plenty of time to look at and talk about the pictures.
- Chat a little about the story as you read: what your child is thinking will happen next, understanding new words, how the story connects to your child.
- After you have read it together, talk about the story-What was exciting? What was sad? What was funny? Think of other questions to ask about what your child noticed.
- Talk with your child about the problems in stories and why things happen.
- Compare the story to other books about the same topic or with the same characters.

When your child is reading and gets stuck on a word, encourage him or her to look at the picture and think about the story. Ask him or her, "What would make sense?" Reading can be a challenge at first, and learners need time to think and try things out.

You can encourage your child to think about what would sound right in the story by suggesting possible words. It can be helpful to ask him or her to look carefully at the word and check if his or her guess matches how the word looks.

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