

Tips for reading at home

Read together every day - Make reading a special time. Reading at bedtime is a great time to share a book.

Say how much you enjoy reading - Tell your child how much you enjoy reading with him or her.

Read with fun in your voice - Read to your child with humor and expression. Use different voices for different characters.

Know when to stop - Put the book away for a while if your child loses interest or is having trouble paying attention.

Be interactive - Discuss what's happening in the book, point out things on the page, and ask questions. Answer any questions your child asks too.

Read it again and again - Go ahead and read your child's favorite book for the 100th time! Repeated readings help to support your child's speech and language skills.

Have fun reading!



Book Talk



Every Child A Reader



What is Book Talk?

Book Talk is a special time for you and your child to enjoy sharing a book at home. The early years are critical to developing a lifelong love of reading. You can't start reading to a child too soon! Your child is now a Pre-Reader.



What are Pre-Reading skills?

Pre-reading skills are the skills children need in order to help them to become a reader. Many of these skills are learnt naturally, during the course of childhood, at home and in the nursery/preschool environment. By talking and reading with your child, you will be doing a great deal to help these essential skills to develop.



The Pre-Reader likes to:

- look at books and likes to be read to.
- behave like a reader - for example, holds books and pretends to read them.
- use pictures and memory to tell and retell a story.
- learn about words by looking at picture books and playing with toys with words and letters and so on.
- learn about words from songs, rhymes, traffic signs, and logos on packages of food and shops.
- learn how text works - for example, where a story starts and finishes and which way the print proceeds.

The MORE
that you read,
the MORE things
you will know.
The MORE that you
Learn,
the MORE places you'll go.

