



where great stories begin™

## READING TIPS FOR YOUR FAMILY

### Read aloud every day!

It's **FUN**. It's **SPECIAL TIME** with your child.  
It helps children learn **LOTS** of **NEW WORDS**.



### IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO START!

Babies love to be held and to hear your voice.  
Cuddle up together and look at board books.

### A FEW MINUTES IS OKAY

Young children may sit still for only a few minutes. They will listen longer as they grow.

### LET YOUR CHILD TURN THE PAGES

Babies and toddlers need help to turn board book pages. A three-year-old likes to turn paper pages without help.

### READ FAVORITE STORIES OVER AND OVER

Children love to hear the same stories again and again. This is how they learn.

### ASK YOUR CHILD QUESTIONS ABOUT THE STORY

Where is the moon? What do you think will happen next? Be sure to give your child time to answer!

### MAKE THE STORY COME ALIVE

Read with fun and excitement in your voice.  
Try loud, or soft, or silly voices.

### TALK ABOUT THE PICTURES

Make up stories to go with the pictures.  
Let your child join in!

### READ ANYWHERE, ANYTIME

Read at playtime, bedtime and naptime. Read any place you have to wait. Read at the playground or under a tree, in the car or on the bus.

### GO TO YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY TO GET MORE BOOKS

Your local library has lots of free books. Let your child choose which ones to bring home.

**When children are read  
to by people they love,  
children learn to love books!**