

Reading Tips for Families

Reading to your child 20 minutes everyday helps your child become more successful in school. These tips will help you make story time a fun event for your family!

1. **Pick a Place** - Pick a special place in your house to read everyday.
2. **Read Together** - Have your child sit beside you and hold the book so you child can see the pictures.
3. **Introduce the Author** -Every time you begin a story, show the cover of the book and tell your child the name of the author and the illustrator.
4. **Read at a Paced Speed** - Be sure not to read too slow or rush through the book. Pace your reading.
5. **Change your Voice** – Change your voice to deeper and higher tones to fit what is going on in the story. Try various voices for different characters.
6. **Talk about Pictures** – Discuss the pictures in the story with your child as you read. Ask your child what they think is happening in the illustration.
7. **Ask Questions** - Ask your child open-ended or predictive questions about the story like “What do think will happen next?”
8. **Build New Vocabulary** -Use pictures in the books to help explain what a word means and introduce new vocabulary to your child.
9. **Draw a Picture** – After reading the story, you can continue the story sharing experience by having your child draw a picture about the story.
10. **Have Fun** – Reading should be a fun experience. Be sure to laugh along with your child as you experience the magical joy of reading together.

