



Top tips when reading with your child!

Read every day:

- Make story time a part of your daily routine
- Read many different kinds of materials with your children. Picture books, story books, magazines, newspapers, even catalogs or advertisements. Anything that has words!!
- Keep books within your children's reach so they can get one any time they want!
- Read the stories your child loves over and over again. Have a special way you read favorite stories, such as a silly voice for a character or sound effects that you repeat every time you read that book

When reading aloud with children:

- Have fun while you read! Change your voice, read fast or slow, make up silly words. Make reading fun!
- Answer children's questions while you are reading. Don't make children wait until the end of the story if there is something they are wondering about.
- Involve children in the story. Ask them what they think will happen next or have them describe the story based on pictures.

Talk and listen – a lot!

- Talk to children while you are doing your everyday activities. Talk about what you are doing and why. Sing songs, say nursery rhymes or play games with letter sounds out loud.
- Point out words where you see them. On signs, in books, newspapers, on clothes, food packages and in the world around you!
- Let children see you read! Read books, magazines and newspapers in front of your child. Read for fun, with joy, and not as work. Let your children see that you enjoy and value reading.