

Reading Aloud Tips!

Let your child choose the book

Snuggle in

Read slowly



Read the title and author of the book

Let your child turn the pages

Ask questions and make predictions

Encourage your child

Read while children are playing

Be dramatic and have fun



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If we read to our young children...

Children will be better prepared to begin school.

Children will be more likely to succeed in school + life.

When they have children they will read to them!



Snuggle with baby in your lap. Sharing a book together is a time to bond.

Read books with rhythm, rhymes and sounds.

Point to pictures as you read and identify objects.



Engage in “conversation” with the baby; “I see something the color red. Do you see something red too?”

Encourage the baby to join in the fun by identifying objects or repeating sounds.

Choose short books for babies with few words and large, simple pictures. Board books and touch-and-feel books are terrific!

Read slowly with an animated voice to maintain a toddler’s interest.

Talk with toddlers about what is happening in the story and pictures.

Read and re-read their favorite book(s) again and again and again!



Encourage toddlers to help turn pages, identify objects in pictures and identify sounds that animals or objects in the pictures might make.

Use books with no words, just beautiful pictures, to invite a child to use his/her imagination – make up your own stories!

Choose predictable books with repeated words, phrases, questions or rhymes.

Use your finger to follow the words as you read.

Talk about the story before, during and after reading together.

Take preschoolers to the library and let them choose books that interest them.



Read rhymes to a child and encourage them to fill in the blank and supply the rhyming word(s).

Ask preschoolers questions about what will happen next. Get excited along with them as they hurry to find out.

Create activities around favorite stories and invite preschoolers to draw or paint their favorite characters.