

# Reading Tips

Parents can make reading with their children part of the daily routine. Reading together in the evening can become an important part of the bed time ritual. Here are some additional suggestions for making reading together a pleasurable experience.



- **Make Reading Part of Every Day**  
Read at bedtime or on the bus.
- **Have Fun**  
Children who love books learn to read. Books can be part of special time with your child.
- **A Few Minutes is OK**  
Young children can only sit for a few minutes for a story, but as they grow, they will sit longer.
- **Talk About the Pictures**  
You do not have to read the book to tell a story.
- **Let Your Child Turn the Pages**  
Babies need board books and help to turn pages, but your three year-old can do it alone.
- **Show Your Child the Cover Page**  
Explain what the story is about.
- **Show Your Child the Words**  
Run your finger along the words as you read them.
- **Make the Story Come Alive**  
Create voices for the story characters and use your body to tell the story.
- **Ask Questions About the Story**  
What do think will happen next? What is this?
- **Let Your Child Ask Questions About the Story**  
Use the story as an opportunity to engage in conversation and to talk about familiar activities and objects.
- **Let your Child Tell the Story**  
Children as young as three years old can memorize a story and many children love an opportunity to express their creativity.

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