

Six Very Important Reasons to Read to Your Child:

- 1.** When you read, your child will look up to you and see that reading is important, fun, and another way to be close to you.
- 2.** Children need to hear and learn lots and lots of words. The more words they know, the easier it will be for them to learn in school.
- 3.** Reading aloud to your child lengthens your child's attention span.
- 4.** When you read aloud to your child, he or she learns how books "work". Your child will begin to understand that print is different from the pictures and that print has meaning.
- 5.** Children also learn about sounds in words, particularly with books that have rhyming words. They are building skills to sound out words when they begin to read on their own.
- 6.** Reading aloud to children expands their imagination and ability to see problems and figure out how to solve them.



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When You Read to Your Child:

1. Cozy in, cuddle up, be enthusiastic

Look at the cover of the book together. Read the title. Ask your child, "What do you think this book is about?" There is no wrong answer. Say, "Let's find out" and read the book.

2. Ask and answer

questions about the book as you read the book. A good question to keep your child really thinking is "What do you think will happen next?"

3. Read favorite books over and over again.

Children keep learning from them and loving them.

4. If it is a book that your child is familiar with, let them fill in some words while you stay quiet.

5. When you are finished reading ask your child

"What did you like about this book?"