Reach Out & Read

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Reading Tips for the Whole Family

Shared reading is fun. It's special time with your child. It helps children learn lots of new words.

- **It's never too early to start!**
  Babies love to be held and to hear your voice. Cuddle up together and look at board books.
- **A few minutes is okay.**
  Young children may sit still for only a few minutes. They will listen longer as they grow.
- **Read favorite stories over and over.**
  Children love to hear the same stories again and again. This is how they learn.
- **Let your child turn the pages.**
  Babies and toddlers need help to turn board book pages. A three-year-old likes to turn paper pages without help.
- **Read anywhere, anytime!**
  Read at playtime, bedtime and naptime. Read any place you have to wait. Read at the playground or under a tree, in the car or on the bus.
- **Make the story come alive.**
  Read with fun and excitement in your voice.
- **Talk about the pictures.**
  Make up stories to go with the pictures. Let your child join in!
- **Go to your local library to get more books!**
  Your local library has lots of free books. Let your child choose which ones to bring home.
- **Ask your child questions about the story.**
  Where is the moon? What do you think will happen next? Be sure to give your child time to answer!

Read to your child for 20 minutes every day.



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