



Reading

- ★ No matter what your child's age, reading together—or shared reading—is the single most important activity that you can do to help your child get ready to read.
- ★ Shared reading is valuable because your child has your full attention, and you are enjoying the experience together.
- ★ Children learn more new words from shared reading. Books can teach less common words, words that children might not hear in everyday conversation. Reading is the best way to introduce these “rarer” or less common words. Make sure you stop and take time to explain what the words mean.
- ★ Shared reading helps a child develop a love of reading and an appreciation of books. Children who enjoy being read to are more likely to want to learn to read themselves.
- ★ Reading together and talking about what you read gives your child an understanding of how stories are organized—that they have a beginning, middle, and end.

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