



10 TIPS FOR READING ALoud TO YOUR CHILD

Reading to your child 20 minutes everyday helps your child become more successful in school. These tips will help you make story time a fun event for your family!

- 1 **Pick a Place** - *Pick a special place in your house to read everyday.*
- 2 **Read Together** - *Have your child sit beside you and hold the book so you child can see the pictures.*
- 3 **Introduce the Author** - *Every time you begin a story, show the cover of the book and tell your child the name of the author and the illustrator.*
- 4 **Read at a Paced Speed** - *Be sure not to read too slow or rush through the book. Pace your reading.*
- 5 **Change your Voice** – *Change your voice to deeper and higher tones to fit what is going on in the story. Try various voices for different characters.*
- 6 **Talk about Pictures** – *Discuss the pictures in the story with your child as you read. Ask your child what they think is happening in the illustration.*
- 7 **Ask Questions** - *Ask your child open-ended or predictive questions about the story like “What do think will happen next?”*
- 8 **Build New Vocabulary** - *Use pictures in the books to help explain what a word means and introduce new vocabulary to your child.*
- 9 **Draw a Picture** – *After reading the story, you can continue the story sharing experience by having your child draw a picture about the story.*
- 10 **Have Fun** – *Reading should be a fun experience. Be sure to laugh along with your child as you experience the magical joy of reading together.*

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