

## READING TIPS FOR YOUR FAMILY



### Read aloud every day!

It's **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.

#### 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 FAVORITE STORIES OVER AND OVER

Children love to hear the same stories again and again. This is how they learn.

#### 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!

#### MAKE THE STORY COME ALIVE

Read with fun and excitement in your voice. Try loud, or soft, or silly voices.

#### TALK ABOUT THE PICTURES

Make up stories to go with the pictures. Let your child join in!

#### 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.

#### 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.

**When children are read to by people they love, children learn to love books!**