



READING FUN AT HOME

Tips, tricks, and strategies for great read-alouds at home!



When you read at home with your child, use the book to spark conversation!

Ask questions and respond to how your child is thinking about a particular story. And encourage your child to ask questions of their own!

Support your child's independence by allowing them to select which book they would like to read. They may return again and again to their favorites, and that's ok! There's always something new to learn or talk about each time you read a story.

BEFORE YOU READ

Activate your child's mind by prompting them to stop, think, and talk about the book before you open it to begin reading!

New books:

- What do you think this book will be about?
- What do you see on the cover of this book?

Books you've read before:

- What do you remember happens in this book?
- Why did you pick this book to re-read?



WHILE YOU READ

As you read, stop to ask questions and talk about the story!

Talk about the pictures and ask your child to label different things they see in the picture to help build their vocabulary. Support their comprehension by asking questions and responding to their answers. For younger children, you can model answering some of the questions yourself (thinking aloud).

Make Predictions:

- What do you think will happen next?

Talk About Characters:

- Can you find [character] in the picture?
- How do you think [character] feels?
- Why do you think [character] did that?

Make Connections:

- What would you do if you were [character]?
- Have you ever felt [character emotion]?
- Have you ever [character experience]?



AFTER YOU READ

Continue the conversation with your child after you've finished the story to encourage them to keep thinking about the story!

Retell the Story:

- Who was this story about?
- Flip back to a page and ask, what did [character] do at this point in the story?
- What happened at the beginning of the story? What happened at the end?

Think Beyond the Story:

- What was your favorite part of the story? Why?
- If this story was to keep going, what do you think would happen next?

