

Storytime Tips

10 TIPS ON READING WITH CHILDREN

1. Be a role model — show your child how much you enjoy reading.
2. Share what you read so that your child links words with interesting information. Reading instructions from a recipe, a new game or a packet of seeds all help.
3. Create reading routines. Set aside a special time every day (or more than one). Bedtime is popular, but breakfast works too!
4. Don't worry about finishing the story; if your child wants to linger over a particular scene or episode, let her lead.
5. Choose books that you enjoy and show that you are enjoying them.
6. Be adventurous; find books that explore different themes and topics.
7. Ham up the narrative. Use funny voices when the dialogue invites this.
8. Vary the pace of your delivery to create a sense of drama.
9. Ad-lib if you want to, and let your child feel free to do the same.
10. Acknowledge and encourage your child's responses to the story and talk about what you think of the characters and the story line.



Let's raise readers for life together!

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