

# Read Aloud Tips for Parents

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1. Read together every day. Set aside a regular time for reading.
2. Take your child to the library. Be sure you have plenty of books at home to choose from.
3. Let your child choose the book. Sometimes books are friends. Children often like to hear the same story over again.
4. Find a comfortable place to read. Sit close and share the pictures.
5. Start with the cover. Read the title and author. Talk about the art.
6. Read with feeling. Change voices and be excited or scared or sad. If you enjoy the story, so will your child.
7. Take time to look at the pictures. Point out special words and things you see happening in the story.
8. Encourage your child to join in. Act out the story. Make noises. Clap with rhymes and repeat lines together. Fill in missing words.
9. Tell the story in your own words. Don't be afraid to skip parts if the story is too long.
10. Ask questions. Talk about the story and connect it to things that happen in your child's life.

