

Reading Books

Reading books with your child helps them to learn to talk and understand.

Reading books helps your child's early literacy skills.

Read books with your child every day.

Child – Adult Shared Book Reading

- Ask open questions
(e.g. What is the cat going to do?)
- Limit asking yes / no questions (e.g. Is that a cat?)
- Follow your child's answers with more questions
- Repeat and expand on what your child says
- Praise you child while they read books
(e.g. great job turning the page, good pointing, good listening)
- Following your child's interest
- Explain where the front cover of the book is and where the end is
- Have fun and use your voice to make fun sounds and words
- Pretend the book is real
(e.g. pat the dog)



Draw Attention to words

- Ask questions about the words on the page
(E.g. “Where should I start reading on this page?”)
- Comment about the words on the page
(E.g. “That is a long word, We know this letter – It’s a B”)
- Ask your child to point out words
(E.g. Point to the dog’s words)
- Follow the words with your finger while you read

