

Love to Read with Your Child

Reading aloud to your child daily prepares your child for success in school.

- L** istening to stories builds a child's attention span, vocabulary and reading comprehension.
- O** ffer a comfortable, quiet place to read where you and your child can cuddle up together, and enjoy a story together. When your child links reading with feelings of comfort and love, he will want to do it again and again.
- V** isit the library early and often. Enjoy storytime programs. Allow your child to choose some books for herself.
- E** njoy speaking, singing, rhyming and reading with your child in your home language. Children with a strong foundation in their first language will learn English more easily.
- T** alk to your child throughout the day. Ask your child open ended questions and listen to their answers.
- O** ffer a variety of different things to read.
- R** ead for pleasure yourself.
- E** ncourage re-reading. Most children will want to hear their favourite books again and again.
- A** sk your child questions about what you are reading (e.g. What do you think this book is about? Have you ever built a snowman?) . This helps her link the book to her own life experiences.
- D** escribe how reading and writing help you to get things done. Invite your child to help you make the grocery list, read the flyer, cut out coupons, etc.

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