When I Read to You

Reading to your child can be a special time to spend together. Here are tips for reading out loud to a child:

- Read to your child every day.
- Read about things your child is interested in and enjoys.
- Read at the same pace that you talk.
- Read with expression. Give different characters different voices. Change your voice to match how the character in the book feels.
- Reread books that your child enjoys.
- Explain some words that your child may not understand.
- Read different types of things like poems, books that tell a story, and informational books (for example, factual books about people, weather, or animals).
- Read books that are too difficult for your child to read on his/her own.

When You Read to Me

Listening to your child read out loud can help him/her read words correctly and quickly. Here are tips for when your child reads out loud to you:

- Select books that are
  - Interesting to your child.
    - Not too easy or too hard.
    - Linked to your child’s experiences or concerns.
    - Recommended by your child’s teacher.
- Have your child point to the words while reading.
- When a mistake is made, reread the sentence with the mistake and ask, “Does that make sense?”
- When your child cannot read a short word, use these tips:
  - Ask your child to say each sound and then put the sounds together.
  - Show your child how to blend the sounds together and read the word.
- When your child cannot read a longer word, use these tips:
  - Ask your child to look for parts of the word he or she knows, say each part, and put the parts together.
  - Show your child how to read the parts of the word separately and then read the parts together.
- Once your child reads the word, ask him or her to read the sentence again to make sure that it makes sense.
Books to Share

### Suggested Books to Read With Your Child
Below are examples of books that you can read with your child.

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