

When I Read to You/When You Read to Me Bookmark



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:

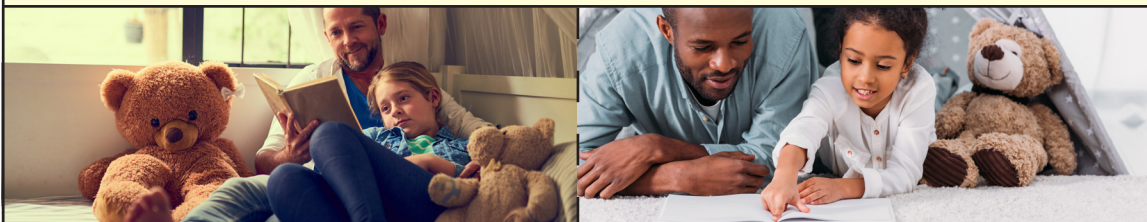
- Read to your child every day.
- Read about things your child is interested in and enjoys.
- Read at the same pace that you talk.
- Read with expression. Give different characters different voices. Change your voice to match how the character in the book feels.
- Reread books that your child enjoys.
- 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.

The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate

How Much is a Million? by David M. Schwartz

Thank You, Mr. Falker by Patricia Polacco

How to Train Your Dragon by Cressida Cowell