

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 your 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 books such as poetry books, books that tell a story, and informational books (for example, factual books about volcanoes, weather, or animals).
- Read books that are too difficult for your child to read on his or her own.

When You Read to Me

Listening to your child read out loud can help him or 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 your child makes a mistake, read back the sentence with the mistake and ask, "Does that make sense?"
- When your child cannot read a word, use these tips in this order until he or she reads the word:
 - Say each sound in this word and then put the sounds together.
 - What is the first sound? Next sound? Next sound? Can you put the sounds together to read the word?
 - Let's say each sound together and then read the word.
 - I'll say each sound in the word and then read it. Then you try.
 - This word is _____. What is this word? Read this sentence again.

