



Tips For Reading With Young Children

Sit Close. Have children snuggle up next to you or sit on your lap. Children who enjoy reading with their parents look forward to learning to read in school.

Preview the Book. Talk about the book before reading it with children. Tell children who wrote the book and drew the pictures.

Read Slowly. Read the book slowly enough for children to ask questions and understand what is happening.

Point to Words. Point to words as you say them to help children learn that words have meaning.

Point to Pictures. Have children name objects and things in the book.

Ask Questions. Get children involved by asking questions about the book as you read it.

Use Expression in Voice. Use your voice to make the book interesting and fun!

Teach New Words. Help children learn new words by asking about the pictures and saying the words if children don't know them.

Let Children Ask Questions. It is okay if children ask questions and get excited about the book.

Connect to Real Life. Talk about how things in the book might be similar to children's own lives.

Review the Story. Talk about the book with children after reading it.

Extend the Reading. After reading the book, do some fun related activities with your children.

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