

Preschoolers

Make Reading Come Alive!

Parents and caregivers can support the learning of preschoolers by making reading an important part of each and every day by following some of these simple tips.

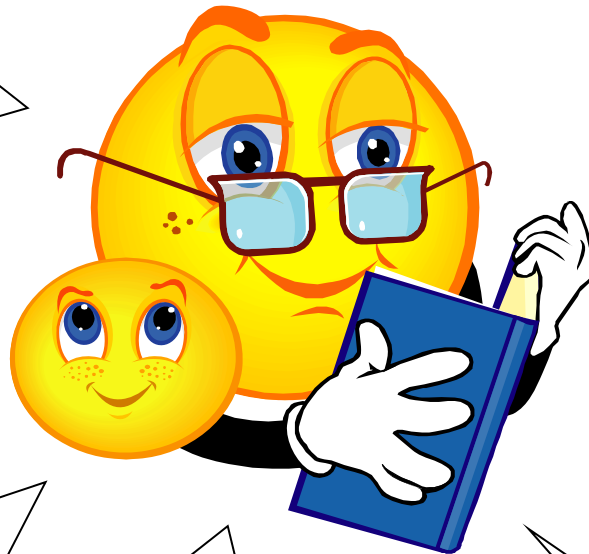
Find time each day to read to or with your children.
Don't get hung up on the amount of time....just read!

Create a positive experience.
Cuddle up together in a comfy place where you both can focus on each other and your reading.

Talk about how much you enjoy reading and let your child see you read.
Children will do what they see.

Make sure that you have your child's attention.

Are you able to see your child's face? Change the tone of your voice, use lots of expression and gestures. Who doesn't like a story told by an expressive and interesting storyteller?



Don't be afraid to read the same book over and over.
Each time you read the book, expand on what you did and talked about the day before. The first time through the book you can just talk about the pictures, next time you can read the story, and the third time you can ask questions about what will happen next in the story.

Talk about the concepts of print.

Talk about the front, back, title, author, pictures, words, and letters in the story or book.
Point out all kinds of written words – signs, food boxes, magazines, etc.
Move your finger along the words from left to right so that children can see that words are read from left to right and top to bottom.

Make reading interactive.

Use the "Why" questions – who, what, where, when and why.
Ask your child to predict what will happen next – "What do you think will happen?"
Find ways to connect the story to your child's life – "Have you ever seen a ____?"
Ask your child to retell a part of the story – "What happened when...?"

Remember that there are many things to talk about when reading from pictures to punctuation.
Have fun!

For more information on reading to your child, contact :



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