



### The Importance of Reading

- **Reading** together—shared **reading**—is the single most important way to help children get ready to **read**.
- **Reading** together increases vocabulary and general knowledge. It helps children learn how print looks and how books work.
- Shared **reading** also helps children develop an interest in **reading**.
- Children who enjoy being **read** to are more likely to want to learn to **read**.

### Activities to encourage reading

- **Read** to your child every day.
- **Read** books with animals in them and say the sounds they make.
- Talk with your child about words with the same starting sound as a word in the book.
- Have your child tell you what they know about the book you are **reading**.

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- Create a special place for your children to look at books. Have a comfortable chair or pillows and a small shelf or basket for favorite books.
- Make sure there's room for you and your child to sit together and that your child can reach books without needing help.
- Encourage your child to pretend to **read** a book to a favorite stuffed animal or doll.

Don't forget to let them see you **reading** too!

### Library Books at Home

- Have a special spot for library books.
- Keep a list of favorite books to check out and the names of authors you especially enjoy.
- Write down questions your child asks.
- On your next visit to the library, look for books related to your child's interests.