



# Reading Aloud Tips for Parents

**MAKE READING A PART OF EVERY DAY** - Read at bedtime

**HAVE FUN** - Children who love books learn to read.

**A FEW MINUTES IS OK** - Young children can only sit for a few minutes for a story, but as they grow, they sit longer.

**TALK ABOUT THE PICTURES** - You do not have to read the book to tell a story

**LET YOUR CHILD TURN THE PAGES**

**SHOW YOUR CHILD THE WORDS** - Run your fingers along the words as you read them.

**MAKE THE STORY COME ALIVE** - Create voices for the story characters and use your body to tell the story.

**ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT THE STORY** - What do you think will happen next? What is this?

**LET YOUR CHILD ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT THE STORY** - Use the story as an opportunity to engage in conversation and to talk about familiar activities and objects.

**LET YOUR CHILD TELL THE STORY** - Children as young as three years old can memorize a story and many children love an opportunity to express their creativity.