



Share the read-aloud joy!

Reading aloud creates lasting memories, helps your child develop essential literacy skills, and fosters a lifelong love of books. Enjoy every moment of this special time together.

Other Helpful Tips



Make it a habit to bring books with you everywhere you go. Swap screen time for story time.



Listen to audiobooks together while you're in the car.



Explore your child's favorite authors' and/or illustrators' websites. Many of their sites are filled with kid-friendly information and resources.



Visit your local library and ask the librarians for book recommendations.

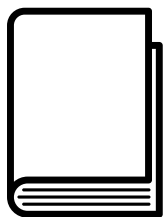
JOYFUL READ-ALoud EXPERIENCES

A Caregiver's Guide



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Before



Prepare

- Choose books that match your child's interests.
- Find a cozy spot to read together.
- Put away your devices and focus on your child and the book.

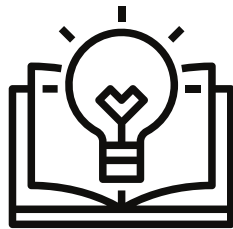
Preview

- Look at the front and back cover.
- Peek under the book jacket to see if the case cover is different or the same.
- Notice the front and back end papers.

Predict

- Ask your child, "What do you think this book might be about?"
- Encourage them to look for clues in the pictures or think about the meaning of the title.

During



Notice and Discuss

- Point to the pictures and talk about what you notice.
- Ask your child what they notice.
- Explain any new words or concepts.

Make Connections

Connect the book to your child's lived experiences by asking questions like:

- Have you ever felt like this character?
- What would you do in this situation?
- Would you like to visit this place?

Ask Questions

- Ask "wh" questions that begin with who, what, where, when, and why.
- Ask open-ended questions that begin like:
 - How do you think ...
 - What are other ways ...

After

Retell

Ask your child to tell you what happened in the story or share facts they learned from a nonfiction book.



Reread

Read the book again and again (if your child is interested!)

Each time you read, focus on something different like details in pictures, interesting words, or fun facts.



Research

Follow your child's curiosities. Help them learn more about the author, place, topic, and so on.

