

# TITLE I TIPS FOR FAMILIES

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## Benefits of Reading to Your Child

1. Develops listening and language skills.
2. Helps increase attention span
3. Stimulates imagination and helps develop curiosity and creativity.
4. Expands vocabulary
5. Develops an understanding of the printed word
6. Sparks interest in books, stories, and reading

## When to Start Reading to Your Child

- Starting from infancy...but it's never too late to start
- At least once per day
- 20 to 30 minutes a day
- At a regularly scheduled time

## Why Read Together?

1. Opportunity for practice and supportive feedback
2. Enjoyable experience, fostering a love of reading
3. Accelerates development of vocabulary, comprehension, and fluency - as you read together, you will accelerate your child's development in these three key areas
  - a. Vocabulary: Talk about new words as your child reads
  - b. Comprehension: Help your child better connect with the meaning of what is being read
  - c. Fluency: As you model reading fluently and with expression, your child will become a more fluent and expressive reader
4. Transition to independent reading
5. Reading together will help your child read sooner and better - and help develop a love of reading



# READ-TOGETHER FORMATS

## Echo Reading

1. Take turns reading the same text
2. Read a sentence, making your reading as fluent and expressive as possible
3. Ask your child to read the same sentence
4. Run your finger under text as each of you reads
5. Continue until your child starts to read with expression and fluency

## While You Are Reading

- Read with expression - make the story come alive
- Point out rhyming words
- Stop and discuss new vocabulary words
- Talk about how you might understand the meaning of the new word
- Ask open-ended questions about the story and questions that don't have a right or wrong answer; such as "why do you think John wants to go to the zoo?"

## Shared Reading or Paired Reading

1. Take turns reading aloud, with each of you reading different parts of the text, switching back and forth as you read the book.
2. Agree on signals for switching, such as "now it's your turn"
3. Watch for sentences, phrases, or words that are easy enough for your child to read.
4. Nudge your child to read the next word, sentence, or page. You can say things like, "can you read this word" or "would you like to read the next sentence"?
5. Allow your child to signal your turn to read again.

## While Your Child is Reading

- Encourage your child to mimic the way you read to gain fluency
- Help your child use context clues to figure out unknown words
- If your child might be able to sound out a word or starts to sound out a word, give some encouragement. Remember not all words can be sounded out
- If your child struggles with a word for five seconds, provide the word