

Reading to your child is magic.
*Share the magic of reading with a young child today
and every day.*

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Parent tips to make reading to your child a magical experience for both of you...

Reading with your baby...

- ☆ Babies like board books
- ☆ Babies like pictures of babies
- ☆ Babies like rhymes and songs
- ☆ Babies like the same book over and over.
- ☆ Point at the pictures – this is how babies learn.
- ☆ Hold your baby on your lap while you read.

Reading with your one-year old:

- ☆ Toddlers like the same book over and over.
- ☆ Toddlers like a book at bedtime.
- ☆ Toddlers like to choose and hold the book.
- ☆ Toddlers like books about food, trucks, animals, and children.
- ☆ Toddlers like books with a few words.
- ☆ Let your toddler move around while you are reading.
- ☆ Name the pictures – this is how toddlers learn new words.
- ☆ Read labels and signs wherever you go.

Reading with your two-year-old

- ☆ Two-year-olds like to help turn the pages.
- ☆ Two-year-olds like to fill the words in a story they know.
- ☆ Two-year-olds like to point and name pictures.
- ☆ Two-year-olds like to hear the same book over and over.
- ☆ Two-year-olds like books that are silly.
- ☆ Two-year-olds like animals and animal noises.
- ☆ Read labels and signs wherever you go.
- ☆ Keep different books around the house and let your child choose.

Reading with your preschool child (age 3-5)

- ☆ Children like books that tell stories.
- ☆ Children like alphabet and counting books.
- ☆ Children like books about families, friends and going to school
- ☆ Children like a book at bedtime.
- ☆ Have your child sit close or on your lap while reading.
- ☆ Ask questions about the story.
- ☆ Let your child tell you stories.
- ☆ Visit the children's room at the library so your child can choose more books.



As parents, the most important thing we can do is read to our children early and often.

Reading is the path to success in school and life.

When children learn to love books, they learn to love learning.

Laura Bush

Your child will love books because your child loves you!

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