

How do I share books with my child?

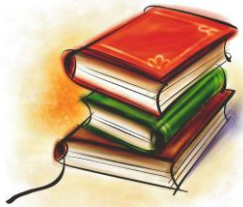
You have an important job to do in helping your child to read and showing them the fun to be found in reading a book. Sharing books together will encourage your child to want to read.

Why not share a bedtime story each night? Or pick up a book after dinner? 5 minutes every day is all it takes!

Here are some helpful hints!



- ✓ Pick a quiet, comfortable spot to read together.
- ✓ Encourage your child to choose a story to read.
- ✓ Look at the cover and talk about it. What can you see? What do you think the story might be about? What do you think might happen?
- ✓ Help your child to work out which way to hold the book and carefully turn the pages together.
- ✓ Talk about the pictures.
- ✓ Let your child see you pointing to each word as you read the story.
- ✓ Talk about what you think will happen next. How do you think the character feels?
- ✓ Encourage your child to join in with any catchy rhymes or repetitive phrases in the story. Don't be afraid to use funny voices!
- ✓ Share a range of books – stories, poems, information books.



If your child enjoys a story, read it over and over again. Let the book become a friend.

Enjoy this special time together and give your child lots of praise!

