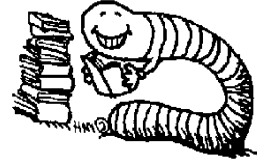


## **Tips on Reading to your child:**

When reading to your child, try these techniques:



### ***BEFORE reading a story:***

- ❖ Introduce the book, discussing the cover, title, author and illustrator.
- ❖ Look at the pictures to discover what the story is about.
- ❖ Discuss special or new words that are in the story.
- ❖ Talk about places, people and things in the story with which your child is familiar.
- ❖ Remember to keep the introduction simple and quick.

### ***DURING the story reading:***

- ❖ Allow time for your child to look at and talk about the pictures (pictures and illustrations are very important).
- ❖ Talk with your child about the characters and story events.
- ❖ Ask questions: What do you think is happening? How would you feel if that happened? What might happen next? (prediction) Would you ever do that? Did you think that would happen?
- ❖ Allow your child to ask questions as you read and answer her/his questions.
- ❖ Accept and be positive about your child's responses to your questions.

### ***AFTER the story reading:***

- ❖ Go back to the beginning and have your child turn the pages and share comments or questions she/he might still have.
- ❖ Have your child retell the story to you.
- ❖ Compare the story situations to your child's experiences.
- ❖ Could you do that? Has that ever happened to you? Did we ever do that?