



Read-Aloud Points to Remember

- **Make reading an important part of every day.**
- **Children who love books are usually successful readers.**
- **Young children can only sit still for a few minutes and listen to a story, but as they mature, their attention spans will increase.**
- **Talk about the pictures.**
You do not always have to read the book to tell a story (consider a Picture Walk with infants and toddlers).
- **Let your child turn the pages.**
Babies need board books and help to turn pages, but your toddler can do it with minimal help.
- **Show your child the cover page.**
Explain what the story is about.
- **Show your child the words.**
Run your finger along the words as you read them.
- **Silly sounds are fun to make.**
Grab an animal book and practice making animal noises together.
- **Choose books that your child can relate to.**
Select books that relate to what is happening in your child's world - starting preschool, going to the dentist, getting a new pet, or moving to a new home.
- **Make the story come alive.**
Create voices for the story characters and use your body to tell the story. Ask questions about the story. (e.g., What do think will happen next? What is this?)