

Reading With Your Child

Here are some ideas for you to do with your child before, during and after reading. These are some ideas to engage your child each time they read. 😊

Before Reading

- * **Look for clues and Predict-** Read the title and look at the front cover of the book with your child. Ask-
“What do you think the story might be about?”
“Who might the characters be in the story?”
- * **Book walk-** Look through the pages of the story and have them ‘read the pictures.’ Discuss what they think is happening on each page, who the characters might be, what they might be doing in the story and where the story took place.
- * **Talk** about the words and ideas you might find in the story.
- * **Point out some words that might be difficult-** “How might you remember these?”

*** If the book is a little difficult, read it first to your child. Or you could try reading a page each initially.***

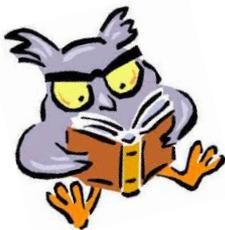
During Reading

****PRAISE ALL EFFORTS WHEN YOUR CHILD IS READING BY THEMSELVES!****

REMINDE your child that reading should ‘sound like talking.’ Model this by reading a sentence and have them copy you.

TIME- Give your child time, if they get stuck on a word, (10-15 seconds). Encourage them to use their reading strategies to work out what the word is.

- * Ask questions about the characters-
eg. - Why do you think the character did that?
- What do you think that character will do next?
- How do you think the character is feeling?



After Reading

- * Encourage your child to retell the story in their words.
- * Discuss the characters that were good, or not so good. “Which one was your favourite? Why?”
- * Discuss how they think the characters were feeling in different parts of the story.
- * Have your child make up a different ending for the story.
- * Have your child make connections with the story. “eg. Does it remind you of anything you have seen or heard before? Why? How?”
- * Have your child draw a picture of their favourite part of the story.



“The more that you read, the more things you will know, the more that you know, the more places you will go.”
- Dr Seuss