



FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS

Nine ways to keep reading fun!

- 1. Read the book first yourself.** Knowing the story will help you know what comes next.
- 2. Ask questions as you read.** It is important to ask your child questions about the story as you read. Ask what might happen next.
- 3. Choose a regular story time.** Quiet times are great! Try reading together after dinner clean-up or before bed. Try to keep the same reading time each day.
- 4. Find a cozy, quiet place to read the story.** Call it your reading spot. Cuddle on the couch together or ask your child to sit on your lap. Reading aloud is one of the best ways to spend quality time with your child.
- 5. Make sure the children can see the pictures.** Hold the book up or lay it in your lap. Talk about the pictures and characters in the book.
- 6. Read with expression in your voice.** If the story is scary, read with a spooky voice. Create a voice for each character in the story. This will make reading more interactive and fun.
- 7. Keep the story time short.** There's no set time limit, but it should be short enough to leave the children wanting more. When your child does ask for more, allow him or her to choose the story. Your child may choose the same book over and over again. This may seem boring. It means your child is becoming more familiar with language.
- 8. Look for ways to talk about the story.** Watch for opportunities to compare what you've read with everyday experiences or real-life examples.
- 9. Continue to read aloud together** once your child can read alone. Keep the fun going by taking turns. The more people your child sees and hears reading aloud, the more he or she will be turned on to books and learning.