

An ABC for Parents



Act out a story with your child.

Babies enjoy looking at pictures with bright colours and faces.

Connect what happens in the book to your child's life.

Decide to make time to share a book with your child every day.

Encourage your child to tell you about their drawings.

Find comfortable places to read.

Go for a walk and talk about the signs along the way.

Help your child build language by singing, rhyming and talking every day.

Include everyone in sharing family stories.

Jump in and play with your child.

Keep TV time to no more than one hour a day.

Let your child see you reading and writing.

Make a batch of cookies and count how many there are.

Newborns benefit from reading too.

Open a book and make up a story using just the pictures.

Play a game together.

Questions your child asks help her learn.

Recognize and reward your child's early attempts at reading and writing.

Scribbles are the first step in becoming a writer.

Tell your child stories about your day.

Use events that happen every day to teach your child about the world.

Visit your local library and let your child choose a book.

Write a letter or a shopping list together.

Xpect your child to be active. Count how many times they can hop or jump.

Your child loves to hear you talk, sing and read with him.

Zzz – a good time to read can be just before bed.

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