



Good Types of Books To Read Aloud with Your Kindergartener

- Alphabet books
- Counting or Number books
- Concept books – books about size, color, opposites, farm/zoo animals, etc.
- Nursery Rhymes
- Repetitious Stories and Pattern books – where a word/phrase is repeated throughout the story to form a pattern
- Traditional Literature – includes fairy tales, folktales, fables, myths, and legends (example: *Cinderella*)
- Wordless Picture books – these books tell stories through pictures without using words, this gives students the opportunity to tell stories themselves as they read

Make Reading Fun!

Provide opportunities to **READ** - Read **TO** and **WITH** your child, & have your child read **TO YOU**

Make reading an enjoyable experience for you AND your child!

Read to/with children frequently – twenty minutes a day is an ideal length of time.

Encourage children to talk about the book.

Ask children questions.

Reread favorite books.

Read many kinds of books.

Help children learn as you read together.

Preparing for Kindergarten:

Tips for Reading with Your Child



“Reading together twenty minutes a day is the most important gift you can give your child.”

Rosemary Wells, author

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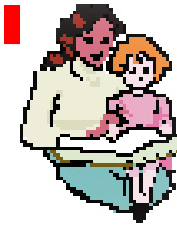


Tips for Reading with Your Child

(adapted from [Teaching Our Youngest](#) and Reading is Fundamental)

- 1. Make reading books an enjoyable experience for you AND your child!**
 - chose a comfortable place where your child can sit near you
 - be enthusiastic about reading and show your child that reading is an interesting and rewarding activity
 - read slowly and with expression – the more you ham it up, the more your child will love it!
- 2. Read to children frequently – twenty minutes a day is an ideal length of time.**
 - establish regular times for reading during the day – some examples of good times to read
 - start or end the day with a book
 - read a book to help your child settle down after a play period
 - read to your child during snack time or before a nap
- 3. Encourage children to talk about the book.**
 - have a conversation about the book you are reading
 - welcome your child's questions and observations about the book – add to what they have to say
 - ask your child to talk about his/her favorite parts of the book
 - encourage your child to tell the story in his/her own words

- 4. Ask children questions as you read.**
 - ask your child to compare this book with others you have read
 - ask your child to predict what will happen next
 - ask questions to help your child connect the story to his/her own life
- 5. Reread favorite books.**
 - hearing books read several times helps children understand and notice new things
 - children may begin to pick up repeated sound patterns, easily recognize words or letter-sound relationships
- 6. Read many kinds of books.**
 - storybooks help children learn about times, cultures, and people
 - informational (non-fiction) books help children learn facts about the world around them and introduce children to new concepts and vocabulary
- 7. Help children learn as you read.**
 - help children notice and offer new explanations about new information
 - explain words your child does not know
 - point out that the pictures in the book relate to the story being told
 - provide children with background information about the setting so that they can better understand and enjoy the story
 - find ways to relate the story to things your child is learning or doing in his daily life



10 Times To Share Books and Stories During a Busy Day

(adapted from www.zerotothree.org)

- **At Meal Times:** Sing or read a story during a moment of quiet eating or to gather the kids around the noisy breakfast table.
- **In the Car or On the Bus:** Keep a few books in the car or in your bag to keep your children quiet and busy.
- **At Child Care Drop Off:** Calm a crying child at good-bye time with a favorite story or lullaby.
- **At the Doctor's Office:** Read or tell a soothing story to your child in the waiting room and sing or talk through the scary parts of the visit.
- **At the Grocery Store:** Put a few books in the shopping cart.
- **At Nap Time:** Familiar routines always help children calm down and sleep. Use books and stories to quietly ease your child to sleep.
- **At Day's End:** You are exhausted, the kids are fussy — lie down on the floor or on the bed surrounded by books. Play a book on tape for your child.
- **At Bed Time:** Books and stories are a quiet bedtime routine that can work magic with children who fight sleep.
- **At Your Time:** Find some time in your day to put your feet up, thumb through a magazine or get lost in a story for you.

Teenagers may enjoy reading aloud to a younger sibling – involve older children in the activity.