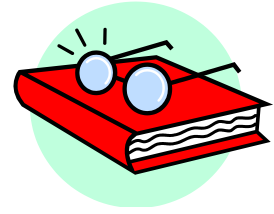


Tips for Parents: Reading

What can I do to help my children learn to read?

- ✓ Let them see you reading.
- ✓ Share books together.
- ✓ Point out the print that is all around you. Look at street signs, grocery store labels, and posters.
- ✓ Make scrapbooks from photos or old magazines.
- ✓ Cook together.



Steps for reading with your children

- ✓ Choose a book from the library or from your home. It's even better if you let your children choose.
- ✓ Take turns reading aloud, or tell the story by looking at the pictures.
- ✓ Talk about what's happening in the story.
- ✓ Help your children with difficult words.
- ✓ Praise your children.

What do children learn when we read to them?

- ✓ New words.
- ✓ Enjoyment of a story.
- ✓ Focus, concentration.
- ✓ How to use their imaginations.
- ✓ How to predict.
- ✓ The connections between words and pictures.
- ✓ The relationship between words and sounds.
- ✓ How to read from left to right.
- ✓ How to follow a story from beginning to end.
- ✓ Listening skills.
- ✓ Communication skills.
- ✓ Knowledge or information in the story.
- ✓ Sharing and enjoyment of a special activity.