

READING TO YOUR CHILDREN

7 Strategies for getting the most out of your read alouds



Children that are read to have a 1.4 million word advantage



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Keep It Fun

Reading is all about enjoying the story. Help them create a life-long love of reading.

Use Expression

Use a lot of energy, emotion, and facial expressions. Use different voices, tempo, and volume.

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Beyond The Page

Ask questions and discuss beyond what is written to make your child an active participant.

Explain the story

Help deepen their understanding by pointing out words. This also expands their vocabulary.

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Have Them Join In

Invite them to read along. This is especially fun with rhymes. You can also alternate character lines.

Repeat

Read favorite books over and over. Children love this and it helps build language comprehension and fluency.

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Narrate

Narration of stories builds confidence, builds memory, and improves speaking skills.