

LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT

Encourage your child's language development and curiosity in books by keeping reading fun and interesting. This helps your child become a happy and confident reader!



don't expect your child to sit completely still for a book.

It's ok to encourage your child to act out parts of a book. It's hard for all children to sit still, but that doesn't mean they aren't listening.

choose fun and exciting books.

Try to find books that feature animals or machines. Invite you child to participate in making movement and sounds. Books with flaps or various textures to touch keep little hands busy.

ask questions.

Keep children of all ages interested in books by asking for participation through questions. Remember to take time to listen and respond to their answers. Kids have strong opinions and interesting ideas about the world. Encourage them to explain what they think. You'll build language skills and learn more about your child.



infant inspiration

Find books with bright and bold or high-contrast illustrations. These images are easier for young babies to see and will grab their attention



toddler tales

If your toddler isn't having fun reading, try a different story or read during a different time of day. Reading with a toddler is primarily about building positive experiences with books.



preschool power

Tell your preschooler how much you love reading with them. Talk about "story time" with them as your favorite part of every day. Explain to them how much you enjoy this special time.