

Importance of Reading Aloud!



Benefits of reading to your child!

Children will:

- ✓ Acquire listening skills
- ✓ Learn to love reading
- ✓ Develop self-regulation skills
- ✓ Develop problem solving skills
- ✓ Learn about the look and purpose of print



Starting at a young age also:

- ✓ Prevents reading problems later in life
- ✓ Displays evidence of parental love, care and focused attention



When to read aloud?

- ✓ Anytime!
- ✓ Start at birth
- ✓ Bring your child's favorites books with you at all times (appointments, car, or park). It's a good tool to help your child self-regulate when he's bored, anxious, whiny, irritated and disruptive
- ✓ Create a read aloud routine (bedtime, bath time, etc.)

How to read?

- ✓ Be expressive
- ✓ Use a range of vocalizations: loud and soft, fast and slow, high and low
- ✓ Use pauses
- ✓ Use facial expressions
- ✓ Make eye contact with your child
- ✓ Play reading games: reading the book upside down, so the child can tell you that you're not holding it right
- ✓ Finding letters or repetitive words
- ✓ Point to the words as you read them
- ✓ Talk about the pictures

DID YOU KNOW?

- ✓ Reading starts when the child first hears the voice of another
- ✓ By the age of one, children have learned all the sounds that make up their native language
- ✓ Expressive reading is reading that is remembered
- ✓ Reading problems are difficult to fix but very easy to prevent
- ✓ The faster children pick up the rhythm of the words, the more they'll remember those words and enjoy reading themselves

Talk, Talk, Talk!



- ✓ Talk to your child as often as you can!
- ✓ Sing songs and nursery rhymes
- ✓ Comfort your crying baby or child with soothing words or songs
- ✓ Take them on many excursions (park, farm, museum, etc)

