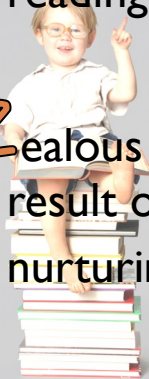


Welcome wordless picture books into your collections. They allow the nonreader to create his/her very own story, and help with sequencing.

Xhibit patience when your child is selecting books. Your support is empowering.

You are the most important person in helping your child develop a lifelong love of reading.

Zealous readers are the result of supportive and nurturing role models.



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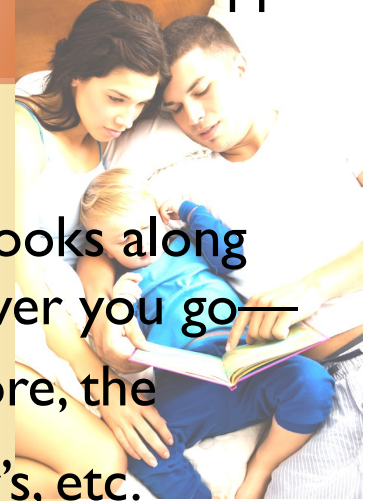
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The ABCs of Reading to a Child

Ask questions while reading together, such as “What do you think will happen next?”

Bring books along wherever you go—the store, the doctor’s, etc.

Chat about what is happening in the book and how it relates to your life.



Drop everything and read. Set aside 20 minutes a day during which the whole family reads.

Examine the illustrations together. Choose books that have beautiful or amusing pictures.

Find books that interest your child. Read them over and over.

Give books as gifts.

Have fun. Enjoy the story. Read in a slow relaxed voice and be expressive.

Invite your child to invent stories. Tell your own stories together.

Join the library. Participate in the many events offered. Check out the Summer Reading Program.

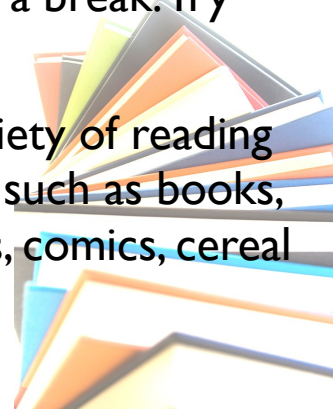
KeeP reading aloud even after the child is an independent reader. It is the best thing you can do to ensure the child's life-long success.

Listen to books on tape or CD with your child while traveling in the car or relaxing at home.

Model reading. Set a good example for your child. Show your own enthusiasm for reading.

Never force a child to read. If this is not a good time, take a break. Try later.

Offer a variety of reading materials, such as books, magazines, comics, cereal boxes.



Predict story elements, draw conclusions about the story.

Question your child about the book. Encourage the child to retell the story.

Reread books to familiarize your child with words and to build self confidence.

Sing songs, recite poetry, and do finger plays to help develop language and listening skills.

Try to help your child understand that it's okay to make mistakes.

Understand that it takes time and practice to become a good reader.

Visit your local library on a regular basis. Sign your child up for his/her own library card.