



# WHY Read Aloud to Your Child?

1. Reading aloud to your child motivates your child to learn to read!
2. It provides an adult demonstration.
3. The child will develop a sense of story.
4. It shows how our language is written and how texts are structured. How do books work?
5. Choose a book that your child can understand.
6. You are providing a risk-free environment.
7. Why re-read a good book? Your child will notice different aspects of the book. Your child will be able to pay better attention to the details because he already knows the meaning and structure of the story. The same thing happens when your child re-reads a book on his own.



# How to Read Aloud to Your Child

1. Read the book to yourself first.
2. Choose high-quality literature.
3. Choose from a variety of books.
4. Read a book or a chapter that can be read in one sitting.
5. Choose books that teach and books that will stretch your child's mind and imagination.
6. Put away poor choices. (Do you enjoy reading it?)
7. Know the interests and understanding level of your child.
8. Have a conversation with your child about the book before, during, and after reading it.
9. Challenge, but do not overwhelm.
10. Know the available literature. The public library has great book selection advice for your child.
11. Use "voices" and read with expression.
12. Discuss the title, author, and illustrator. Do you enjoy this particular writer or artist? Does this book remind you of a similar one by another author?
13. Enjoy this special time with your child.