



When sharing a book:

- Allow your child to choose the book
- Give your child as much time as he/she needs to look at the pictures
- Join in with sounds, actions, or words

Some suggestions when reading a book:

- Sit face to face with your child with the book facing toward him/her
- Use books with lots of pictures
- Label the pictures (e.g., "I see a ball." Pause and wait for your child to take their turn)
- Keep the story simple, make up the words to the story, or change them
- Use an excited voice, make sounds and special voices that go with the story
- Leave out familiar words or parts of the story for your child to fill in (e.g., "Once there was a bear who loved _____.")
- Talk about the cause of events (Why? How come?)
- Enjoy and share that special joy of stories with your child