

Tips for Reading with Your Preschool Child

1. Involve your child in the process by letting them choose the book you read together.
2. Before reading the book look at the pictures with your child. Have your child describe what they see in the pictures.
3. After taking a picture walk, ask your child these prediction questions: What do you think the book will be about? Why do you think that?
4. As you read the story, help your child understand any unfamiliar vocabulary words.
5. Ask questions while reading to ensure that your child understands what is being read to them. You can ask: Who? What? Where? When? Why? How?
6. While reading, point out familiar letters and words. Begin by pointing out the letters in your child's name and common sight words (such as "I" & "me").
7. Have fun while reading. Be sure that reading time is an enjoyable time when you and your child get to bond. Finding a comfortable spot to read will make the experience more enjoyable for both of you.