

Reading By Your Child



Help your child choose a good book by:

- Allowing child to select their own print or digital book based on interest
- Ensuring it is one they can read on their own
- Encouraging poetry, stories, non-fiction
- Including audiobooks as an option (not exclusively)

Before Reading	During Reading	After Reading
<p>Consider reading the same book so you can talk about it with your child.</p> <p>Encourage your child to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Think/talk about the author/illustrator: Is this the first book you've read by them? Do you know other work written/illustrated by them? • Think/talk about the title including the cover and back of book • Read a page or two to make sure it is interesting and not too difficult 	<p>Provide your child with a notebook or sticky notes to respond to the reading.</p> <p>Encourage your child to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark an excerpt where reading with expression helped them understand the author's meaning of the text • Note character traits and if/why the character changes • Note the theme or message • Note a part in the book that provokes a personal connection 	<p>Talk about the book with your child. This is as important as the reading!</p> <p>Ask questions like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does this book make you think differently about your own life? • What does the author want us to learn or remember? • What did you already know? Did you learn something new? • What was your favorite part? Read it aloud to me. • How does this book compare to others by the same author or others you are reading?