



## Reading Tips for Parents

- Make reading part of your everyday activities.
- Just a few minutes per day is all that is needed.
- Make reading a fun activity.
- Take time to talk about the pictures. You do not have to read the book to tell a story.
- You can use your imagination.
- Let your child turn the pages.
- Show your child the cover page. Point out what is illustrated.
- Explain what the story is about.
- Ask questions about the story. Ask questions like: 'What do you think will happen next?' 'What is this?'
- Run your finger along the words as you read them. This can be used as a guide.
- Make the sounds as they appear in the story. Animal sounds are especially fun to make.
- Choosing books about events in your child's life such as starting preschool, going to the dentist, getting a new pet, or moving to a new home may be easy for your child to relate to.
- Make the story come alive by being animated.
- Create voices for the different story characters.
- Encourage your child to ask questions about the story. Prompt them by referring to familiar activities and objects.
- Let your child re-tell the story.
- Take time to visit your local library with your child regularly.