



Tips for Reading Aloud to Your Child

Reading aloud to your child is an activity that can help your child develop their listening, verbal and reading skills. Research has found that reading aloud to your children on a daily basis, is the single most important thing you can do to build future readers. The following is a compiled list tips when you are reading aloud to your child.

1. Don't read as fast as you can. Take your time and read slowly so that the story has more impact.
2. Don't force your children to sit still while you are reading. They can play or draw and still listen to the story.
3. Do take time to answer child's questions about the story. You can enhance their verbal skills while increasing their reading ability.
4. Don't use books to threaten your child. For example, don't tell a child that if he/she doesn't pick up their room, then you won't read them a story today.
5. Remember, reading is fun! Try to promote a positive attitude towards books!
6. Continue to read aloud to your child even when they learn to read by themselves. Most children have a listening vocabulary that is higher than their reading vocabulary. So you can read aloud more exciting books that the child can. This will in turn motivate your child to read more advanced books.