



Children's Services

TIPS TO NURTURE A LOVE OF READING

Reading with children from a young age is important for their development, as it helps to expand their vocabulary and love of learning.

Tips to make reading fun and engaging for pre-kindy & kindy age children:

1. Choose books that are age appropriate for your child
2. Before reading, talk about the cover, the title and the pictures, and discuss what the book may be about
3. Don't be afraid to make sounds or act out the stories you are reading
4. Encourage your child to make sounds and act out the stories too
5. Encourage your child to repeat the words you are reading
6. Make sure you allocate time for reading, without any distractions

Useful reading tips

When your child is reading and encounters words that are difficult for them, use the Three Ps technique 'Pause, Prompt, Praise' to support them.

References:

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www.zerotothree.org/resources/304-how-to-introduce-toddlers-and-babies-to-books

1. If your child encounters a difficult word, don't jump in straight away. Wait and give your child time to work out the word
2. During difficult words and sentences, suggest to your child to re-read it a couple of times and explain the meanings throughout the process
3. If your child cannot work out the word/s, give them sound clues
4. Always praise your child's reading achievements

Tips to introduce babies and toddlers to books:

1. A few minutes at a time is ok. Don't force your child to sit still to finish the story, it's about making the reading experience meaningful
2. Your child might have a favourite page. It's ok to let your child linger on that page or image
3. Talk about the pictures
4. If they are old enough, let your child turn the pages
5. Explain to your child what the story is about from the cover and title of the book
6. Have fun and act out the story with your child
7. Make reading part of your daily routine

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