

RESOURCES FOR SELECTING BOOKS

Children who are exposed to good literature are more likely to learn to love books and include reading as an important part of their lives. The books you choose to read aloud and read with your children should be quality literature that appeals to children. A good variety of books from different genres is also important.

Many resources can help you make informed choices. These include recommended book lists, teachers, school and public librarians, and book sellers. Resource books available at the public library or local book store include:

- ◆ *Books Kids Will Sit Still For*
by Judy Freeman
- ◆ *Choosing Books for Children: A Common Sense Guide*
by Betsy Hearne
- ◆ *How to Choose Good Books for Kids*
by Kate H. McMullan
- ◆ *The New Read-Aloud Handbook*
by Jim Trelease
- ◆ *Read to Me: Raising Kids Who Love to Read*
by Bernice E. Cullinan
- ◆ *The New York Times Parent Guide to the Best Books for Children*
by Eden Ross Lipson

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WHY READ ALOUD WITH YOUR CHILD?

Research indicates the most important factor in ensuring your child's reading success is to read aloud to her every day. Success in reading can, in turn, lead to higher academic achievement. It cannot be emphasized enough the important role that you, as a parent, play in fostering this success.



READING ALOUD WILL:

- ◆ create a warm, secure bond between you and your child
- ◆ convey that you feel reading is important
- ◆ allow you to spend quality time with your child
- ◆ create great memories that your child will remember all his life

TIPS FOR READING ALOUD:

EXPRESSION ~ Use different voices for different characters. Speak in a soft voice for a tiny mouse or a loud, deep voice for a big elephant. Put some life into your reading!

MOOD ~ Instead of saying, "Now stop that and settle down!" Try, "Let's get cozy for our story." Talk to your child about how much the time you spending means to you and how you look forward to this time.

PATIENCE ~ Take the time to answer your child's questions as you read. Questions mean you have her attention. If the amount of questions your child asks tends to detract from following the story line, consider paging through the book first and answering some of the questions at this time.

PACE ~ Don't race while reading. Read slowly and articulate the words. If time is an issue, read a shorter story.

CHALLENGE ~ Choose books to read together that challenge your child's mind and interests.

INTERACTION ~ Invite your child to supply rhyming words or phrases that repeat; let them follow along and encourage them if they want to share in the reading.



FUN ~ Sharing stories is fun and a positive family experience! The joy of this time is what will help to create the wonderful, powerful memories of reading together.

SUGGESTED BOOKS TO READ WITH CHILDREN:

The Doorbell Rang

Pat Hutchins

100 is a Family

Pam Muñoz Ryan

Jamberry

Bruce Degen

Snow Family

Daniel Kirk

So Many Bunnies

Rick Walton

Dinosaur Bones

Bob Barner

Down by the Cool of the Pool

Tony Mitton

Leo the Late Bloomer

Robert Kraus

I Love You the Purplest

Barbara Joosse

Bethany for Real

Anna Grossnickle Hines

The Little Mouse, the Red Ripe

Strawberry, and the Big Hungry Bear

Don and Audrey Wood

How Are You Peeling? Foods with Moods

Saxton Freymann and Joost Elffers

