



Parent Guide to Reading:

A Menu to Create a Family of Lifelong Readers

Step 1: Prepare to read aloud with your family

- Have your child choose a book or together choose one that will be interesting to both of you; if you are able, read the book to yourself before you read it with your child.
- Choose a time and place to read and make this a part of your daily routine

Step 2: Ask questions before you begin reading the book

- Based on the title, what do you think this story is going to be about?
- Based on the picture on the cover, what do you think the story is going to be about?

Step 3: Make the story interesting with your own voice

- Show excitement in your voice and read with expression (Pay attention to bold, underlined or words with ! or ?)
- Stop occasionally and ask your child questions about what you are reading
- Use the sample questions in this guide

Step 4: Ask questions during the reading

- What do you think is going to happen next?
- Why do you think that character just did what he or she did?
- Have you ever felt what this character is feeling?
- What is this? (Point to something in the picture)
- Can you tell me in your own words what we just read?

Step 5: Ask questions after reading

- Can you retell this story in your own words?
- What did you learn from this book?
- Who was your favorite character? Why?
- What was your favorite part? Why?
- Do you have any questions about this story? What are they?
- If you were the author, would you have ended the story the same way? Why/why not?
- Does this story remind you of something we have done? Explain.
- Does this story remind you of something that has happened to you or someone you know?

Thank you for reading!

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Tips For Creating Lifelong Readers

Enjoy this special time with your child.
Make a commitment to read every day.

Try reading different types of books (both fiction and non-fiction).

Let your child see you reading.

Your child will see that reading is something YOU like to do!