



Language Learning Tip for Home: Read to Your Child!

Books help to develop communication skills because:

- Looking at books helps develop concentration and attention span.
- Your interest and involvement helps your child learn language.
- Reading and rereading a favourite book will help teach words and concepts.
- Reading can be a fun way to spend time together.

How to read a book to your child:

- Show delight and enthusiasm as you read.
- Let your child choose the book and let your child turn the pages.
- Point to the pictures as you talk about them.
- Tell a familiar story, but leave out the words or parts of sentences for your child to fill in.
- Let your child describe the pictures and tell the story to you.
- If your child is not interested in the story line, don't worry, they may still enjoy looking at and pointing to the pictures.

Remember the goal is for your child to enjoy the book experience.

How to choose a good book:

- Choose a story that is appropriate for your child's age level (ask the librarian or your child's teacher).
- The pictures should tell a story that makes sense without the printed words.
- Books should add new words to the child's vocabulary.

Repetitive lines allow your child opportunities to participate in the story.

