

Tips for Reading to Kids

KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 2

"TODAY A READER; TOMORROW A LEADER."

- MARGARET FULLER



GIVE CHOICE

- Let the child choose the book!
- Let them hold the book & turn the pages.
- Try to find books about the child's interests.
- Re-read favourite books over and over. It's helpful.
- Kids are often more interested when they pick the book!



MAKE A ROUTINE

- Read everyday!
- Enjoy reading as a family.
- Pick a time that works for you.
- Post a reminder where you will see it!
- Set an alarm on a cell phone or timer.

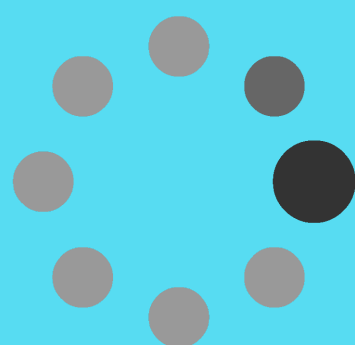


KEEP IT FUN!

- Teach kids to love books!
- Be goofy! Try silly voices. Use emotions.
- Change the volume of your voice.
- Act out the story with toys.
- Read in fun places. (Try a flashlight in the dark!)

LIMIT DISTRACTIONS

- Get comfy!
- Turn off the TV.
- Find a quiet place.
- Mute your cell phone.
- Keep books where kids can see and reach them.



WAIT

- Give kids time to think.
- Wait 5 to 10 seconds for kids to speak.
- Encourage them to talk: "Tell me more..."
- Waiting gives kids time to think and speak.
- Waiting helps kids say their ideas and tell more.

LINKS

Free children's stories read online.

Tumblebooks: <https://www.tumblebooklibrary.com/>

Actors reading kids books: <https://www.storylineonline.net/>

Books in many languages: <https://www.uniteforliteracy.com/>

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"READING GIVES YOU A PLACE TO GO
WHEN YOU HAVE TO STAY WHERE YOU ARE."

- MASON COOLEY



Reading to children
helps them understand new words,
learn to read, and succeed at school.

HOW TO SUPPORT SPEECH & LANGUAGE

- Sit close so they can see your mouth, the words, and pictures.
- Talk about details. Instead of "pig" say "old, brown pig". Use action words.
- Expand on the child's words. Repeat back what they say and add 1-2 words:
Child: "A doggie." **Adult:** "A big, black doggie."
- If the child says the wrong sound or word, repeat it back to them the right way:
Child: "The gog hided." **Adult:** "Yes. The **dog** hid."

BEFORE READING



- Read the title.
- Tell kids what the book is about.
- Connect the book to something the child knows.
- Point out and talk about new words.
- Wonder out loud: "Maybe it is a big cat?"
- Help kids guess what will happen or what they will learn.

DURING READING

- Point under the words.
- Explain new or hard words.
- Talk about your thinking.
- Talk about the pictures.
- Make lots of comments; don't only ask questions.
- After each page, you can ask the child to repeat what you read.



AFTER READING



- Talk about the story. Use words like *first*, *next*, & *last*.
- Help kids act out the story using hands or toys.
- Let the child retell you the story in their own words.
- Talk about the letters, words, or print on the page.
- Say "all done" or the "the end" when the book is over.
- Read it again!

NEED MORE BOOKS?

Students can access the Winnipeg School Division (WSD) digital library:

- Their **student number** as their "Library Card" number
- The **last 4 numbers** of their student number is their PIN (password)
 - Go to: <https://winnipegsdca.libraryreserve.com/>
 - Or download the **SORA** app: <https://soraapp.com/welcome>

If you need help, contact the teacher or school.