

Reading With Your Child:

Ideas to Turn Reading Time into Fun Time!

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Invite Your Child to Read

- Have your child pick out a favorite book!
It is important that your child be interested in the books that you are reading. You may also want to take a special trip to the library so that your child may choose the books.
- Get Comfortable!
Pick a cozy, comfortable spot. This will tell your child that this is your special time together.
- Give your child your undivided attention!
This will reinforce that this is a special time to be together.

While Reading...

- Point to each word as you are reading. This will teach your child that letters have meaning.
- Discuss the pictures. This will allow your child to think about the story and enhance his or her understanding.
- Make predictions. As you read, discuss what might happen next. This will engage your child in the story and aid in comprehension.
- Choose books with predictable patterns, such as, rhyming or repeated word or phrases.
- Leave off the last word of the rhyme or repeated phrase. This will encourage your child to fill in the missing word and engage in the story.

***It is all right, even encouraged, to read the same story time and time again.

Entertaining Activities to Do Anytime

1. Sing Silly Songs Together:

Down By the Bay

The Itsy Bitsy Spider

The Name Game

2. Say Nursery Rhymes Together:

One, Two, Buckle My Shoe...

Hickory Dickory Dock

Jack and Jill

***Children will never get tired of singing or saying these classics and it promotes their awareness of rhymes and patterns in language.

3. Practice and Encourage Rhyming

Additional Activities

When your child has mastered rhyming or would like to try something a bit more challenging, try these activities.

1. Sound Substitution

Ask your child to substitute sounds in words. For example: Say the word pet and change the /p/ to a /b/. Say the word mop and change the /p/ sound to a /b/. Say the word pet and change the /e/ sound to an /o/.

First begin practicing the beginning sound, and then try the ending sound, and finally the middle sound.

2. Sound Deletion

Have your child try saying words without certain sounds. For example: Say bed without the /b/. What do you get? Ed. Say pet without the /p/. What do you get? Et.

3. Hink Pinks

Hink pinks rhyme pairs that will answer children's riddles. For example: What is a drink that a Boa likes? A snake shake.

Books that Involve Rhyming or Predictable Patterns

Chicca, Chicca, Boom, Boom By: Bill Martin Jr. and John Archambault

I Know an Old Lady By: Rose Bonnie

The Itsy Bitsy Spider By: Iza Trapani

The Jacket I Wear in the Snow By: S. Neitzel

The Napping House By: Audrey Wood

No More Jumping On the Bed By: Ted Arnold

No More Water in the Tub By: Ted Arnold

One Hungry Monster By: Susan Heyboer O'Keefe

Poor Puppy By: Nick Bruel

Shiver Me Letters: A Pirates ABC By: June Sobel

Sun Dog, Fun Dog By: Deborah Heiligman

Quick as a Cricket By: Audrey Wood

Silly Sally By: Audrey Wood

What A Day It Was At School By: Jack Prelutsky

What Time Is It Mr. Crocodile? By: Judy Sierra

Silly Songs and Nursery Rhyme CDs

Singable Songs for the Very Young By: Raffi

More Singable Songs By: Raffi

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Rhyming Activity: Try to answer these rhyming riddles. Problem numbers one through eight have two, one syllable answers. For example: What is a drink that a Boa likes? A snake shake. Problem numbers nine and ten have two, two syllable answers. For example: What do you call a clever detective? A super snooper.

1. What do you call a chubby kitty? (fat cat)
2. What do you call an angry father? (sad dad)
3. What do you call a huge hog? (big pig)
4. What do you call a crying father? (sad dad)
5. What do you call an amphibian on the highway? (road toad)
6. What do you call a puppy in the rain? (wet pet)
7. Where does a rodent live? (mouse house)
8. What do you call a boiling pan? (hot pot)
9. What do you call a rabbit that tells jokes? (funny bunny)
10. What is a cute young cat? (pretty kitty)