

# PRINT MOTIVATION

Being interested in and enjoying books

## Let's Read, Mommy! Let's Read, Daddy!

Sit down in a nice, cozy chair and snuggle with your child as you read a few favorite books together. This will help your child to associate reading with a warm, loving experience with you! In doing so, you are developing **Print Motivation** in your child, one of the six early literacy skills that every child must develop to become a reader.



Change your voice with different characters in the stories, sing nursery rhymes, make funny faces, do whatever special effects you can to stimulate your child's interest in a book.

Ask your preschooler to read a favorite book to you. He will be so proud to show you what a great reader he is becoming! Just sit back and enjoy this great experience with him.



Answer your child's endless "why" questions patiently. When you say, "I don't know, let's look it up," you show how important books are as resources for answering questions.

## Read it again

... and again

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Let your child pick the books you are going to read together sometimes. If your child has a favorite, she will want to read it over and over again. That's okay. **Repetition is great for little ones!** Just be patient and have fun. Be sure to stop reading if your child loses interest or becomes fussy. Break up your reading time into smaller sessions throughout the day. Remember: Reading should always be fun, never a chore!

## Storytime!

Go to a storytime program at your library. You may make new friends and discover some great new books.

## Get Caught Reading!



Young children love to imitate their parents. How often does your child see you reading? Whether it's a book, newspaper or e-book, your child will see that you value reading when he sees you doing it.

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