

Tips for Interactive Read Aloud with Children



1. Read books in the language you are most comfortable and familiar with, giving your children the gift of language as well as the gift of bringing the story alive.
2. Invite your child to read with you every day.
3. Read with enthusiasm and expression. Change your voice for each character.
4. When you come across interesting or new words your child may not know, pause and give

your child a definition of the word or use some gesture that gives them a "context clue" about what it means.

5. Always consider reading a book an opportunity to invite the child to talk about what they are hearing and wondering about the story.
6. As you are reading through the story, pause and ask your child questions or give them a chance to talk about the story. Ask different kinds of questions.

Type of Question	What it might sound like
Prediction	<i>Looking at the cover of the book: "What do you think this book is going to be about?" Later in the story, "What do you think will happen next?"</i>
Inference	<i>"I wonder what (<u>character's name</u>) is feeling? What do you think?"</i>
Connection	<i>"Has anything like that ever happened to you? Tell me about it."</i>
Recounting	<i>"Let's think back, what just happened?"</i>
Paraphrasing	<i>If something might be unclear in the story, or language is used that the child might not understand, rephrase what just happened and say "In other words,"</i>
Summarizing	<i>At the end of the story, give a quick summary of the main things that happened..... "In this story _____."</i>
Extending	<i>"If the story kept going, what do you think would happen next?" or "If you were the author, how would you have ended this story?"</i>

7. Familiarize yourself with the book before you read it to your child. Think about where you will pause to clarify words your child might not know or ask questions.
8. Read the book again and again. The second and third time through, invite the child to retell the story with you. ("Do you remember what _____ did next?").