

## **Read Aloud Tips**

Reading aloud and discussing books is of prime importance for children as they develop literacy skills. Hearing stories helps children develop comprehension skills, critical thinking skills and understanding of themselves and others. It is also a fine opportunity to discuss the actions and decisions of characters in stories as they encounter life's problems.

Your child's experience will be enriched by the way you approach a book, helping them understand new concepts, setting the stage for the story and discussing aspects related to developing good character - the habits that we encourage to become thoughtful and caring citizens. It is always a better experience if you have been able to read the book ahead of time and have some ideas about what to talk about.

Set the stage by building background before reading.

- Explore the illustrations.
- Wonder together.
- Have a good conversation.
- Enjoy the story together.
- Let the child take the lead.
- Develop an atmosphere that is safe for sharing ideas.
- Ask about your child's experiences and share your own.

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