

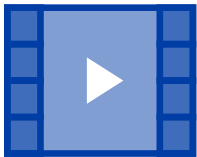


Family Activities for How-to Step 3: Oral Reading Practice

Let's review the Family Activity **Practice Reading Out Loud Bookmark**. This bookmark reminds us of the importance of reading with children every day. More proficient readers should read out loud to be a model for what good reading sounds like. Children should practice reading out loud while they receive help from a more proficient reader.

Model at least one example of echo reading and one example of reading together. Include family members in the model, either the whole family or members who volunteer.

Suggested **Books to Share** as you echo read and read together are also included. Add appropriate books that families can borrow from your classroom library, the school library, the public library, or any other appropriate source.



Family Literacy Videos

Let's watch a mom and her son engaged in **Echo Reading**. Review key points before or after the video. Answer family questions about the video.

4.3 Echo Reading (*Danny and the Dinosaur and the New Puppy*) (3:56)

Key Points About the Video

- Mom and her son read the title, look at the cover, and make a quick prediction about what they think the book will be about before reading.
- Mom models reading with expression, which is an important part of reading fluently.
- Mom praises her son for using expression (different voices for different characters) as he reads.

Here is a mom and her son engaged in **Reading Together**. Review key points before or after the video. Answer family questions about the video.

4.3 Reading Together (*Danny and the Dinosaur and the New Puppy*) (2:10)

Key Points About the Video

- Mom reads at a conversational pace and with expression to model fluent reading.
- Mom encourages her son to point to the words as he reads and reviews words (**leap, tug, shrug, heap**) to make sure he understands what they are reading.
- Mom tells her son she is proud of him for practicing reading.

Take the Family Activity home and have fun practicing reading out loud. The encouragement and support children receive as they read out loud will help them become more fluent and confident readers. As you read with your child, remember to be patient because reading is a skill that takes a lot of practice. Tell your child how proud you are that he or she is practicing reading!