

When I Read to You/When You Read to Me Bookmark



When I Read to You

Reading to your child can be a special time to spend together. Here are tips for reading out loud to a child:

- ☐ Read to your child every day.
- ☐ Read about things your child is interested in and enjoys.
- ☐ Read at the same pace that you talk.
- ☐ Read with expression. Give different characters different voices. Change your voice to match how the character in the book feels.
- ☐ Reread books that your child enjoys.
- ☐ Explain some words that your child may not understand.
- ☐ Read different types of things like poems, books that tell a story, and informational books (for example, factual books about people, weather, or animals).
- ☐ Read books that are too difficult for your child to read on his/her own.

When You Read to Me

Listening to your child read out loud can help him/her read words correctly and quickly. Here are tips for when your child reads out loud to you:

Select books that are

- ☐ Interesting to your child.
 - Not too easy or too hard.
 - Linked to your child's experiences or concerns.
 - Recommended by your child's teacher.
- ☐ Have your child point to the words while reading.
- ☐ When a mistake is made, reread the sentence with the mistake and ask, "Does that make sense?"
- ☐ When your child cannot read a short word, use these tips:
 - Ask your child to say each sound and then put the sounds together.
 - Show your child how to blend the sounds together and read the word.
- ☐ When your child cannot read a longer word, use these tips:
 - Ask your child to look for parts of the word he or she knows, say each part, and put the parts together.
 - Show your child how to read the parts of the word separately and then read the parts together.
- ☐ Once your child reads the word, ask him or her to read the sentence again to make sure that it makes sense.

