

Tips on reading

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Time for reading



Be a good role model for reading.
Help children to see that print is
everywhere!

A dedicated time to hear your child read is a wonderful way to spend time together.

Read a story to them.

We want children to **enjoy** reading

Regular practice

- Encourage your child to read to you every day.
- A little and often.

(10 to 15 minutes daily is better than 1 hour a week.)



Book Talk

- Talk about the characters, recap what's happened so far and what might happen next.
- Talk about the pictures.
- Vocabulary
- Ask the children to tell you what ***they*** think of the story



God loves talking to you

Maintain the flow of the reading

- Allow the story to flow as your child reads. If they are unsure of a word give it to them.
- Go back to unfamiliar words after the reading as finished.
- Offer lots of praise.

“Success breeds Success”

- Allow children to read books more than once if they want to. It helps their fluency, sight vocabulary, understanding and confidence.
- Encourage them to use every strategy they know to read unfamiliar words.

Eg picture cues, phonics, breaking words, context

Encourage variety

- Visit the library

Encourage your children to choose a variety of fiction and non fiction books, newspapers, comics. magazines

- If you're not sure whether the book is the right level, use the "Count to 5 rule". (Allow your child to read 2 pages to you...if there are more than 5 errors in their reading the book may be too difficult.)
- The book choices need to develop, understanding, fluency and confidence.



Communication

- Do use the reading record book to inform your child's teacher of how the reading is going at home.

(Concerns and Successes)

- Reading Sessions on :

Early reading skills for young children

Book Talk

Questions to ask children when your reading with them

Do come and see Bina Thambiah if you would like any help on reading with your child.