



Read Together, Learn Together: Daily reading makes lifelong partners

Did you know that even newborns can benefit from hearing you read aloud to them? Sharing books with your baby every day grows connections in their brain for listening and speaking, and helps them become a healthy lifelong reader.

Here are some ways you can help build your child's language and literacy skills during your daily read-aloud time.

Your baby loves to hear you talk. You don't need to read every word on the page to them. You can hold the book and just talk about the pictures using simple phrases, pause and wait while sharing the page of the book.

Repetition helps your child learn vocabulary and sentence structure. It might get a little old to you, but children love repetition. And in fact their brains need it to learn.

Get silly! When you're reading a story with interesting characters, change your voice for each one. Using different voices helps your child listen to the rich tones and melody of your language.

More than anything, reading aloud is a special time for you to bond with your child. When you share your thoughts, ideas and feelings about the stories you read together, your child will hear more about the life lessons you want them to learn.

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