



Read to Your Child

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Read to your child everyday. Doing so will help your child become a good reader. Children learn to love to read by hearing books read to them. Stories we read to children help them learn about their world and new words. Read as much as you can and don't forget to ask other family members to read to your child as well. The more you read, the more you know, and the more you know, the smarter you grow.

VIEW

Reading Rainbow

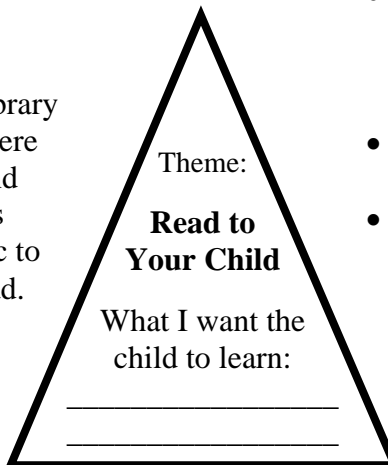
- Monday-Friday at 2 p.m.

This series is designed to spark young children's interest in books and reading. A different story is featured each day.

Between the Lions

- Monday-Friday at 2:30 p.m.

This show is named for a family of lions who run a library whose doors swing open to reveal a magical place where characters pop off the pages of books, vowels sing, and words take on a life of their own. The series combines innovative puppetry, animation, live action, and music to achieve its goal of helping young children learn to read.



READ

- Goodnight Moon* by Margaret Wise Brown (This book is also available in Spanish.)
- Read To Your Bunny* by Rosemary Wells (This book is also available in Spanish.)
- Book! Book! Book!* by Deborah Bruss
- Freight Train* by Donald Crews

DO

- Let your child choose the books to read. He may like to have the same book read over and over, because he will know what comes next. Imagine how good your child will feel when he tells you the word that finishes the sentence or describes what is going to happen next.
- Children develop a love for reading by hearing and handling books at a young age. Spend time talking about the parts of a book (cover, spine, title, author, and illustrator). Show your child:
 - How to read books from left to right and from top to bottom.
 - How to turn pages without bending or tearing them.
- Your child will learn from watching you. Make sure she sees you reading and writing.
- Join the library. It's free. Your child will have fun selecting the books and they will have lots to choose from. You may also be able to go to story time or "read aloud" sessions at the library. Ask for a summer calendar of events at the front desk.
- Make a list of things you and your child want to do this summer. Don't forget to include reading!
- Make a list of all the books your child reads this summer.

Tip of the Month

Plan your child's TV viewing: Instead of flipping through the channels, use a program guide and the TV ratings to help you and your child choose shows. Turn the TV on to watch the program and turn it off when the program is over.