



## Reading to Your Child

The benefits of reading to your child are well-researched in the area of social science. Researchers have been exploring how reading to your child helps with language development, word recognition, increasing expressive vocabulary, and fostering life-long learning.

Reading to your child is beneficial for academic growth, and it promotes parent-child bonding time. When parents and children read together, they are connecting and relationship-building. Reading together is a time to learn about each other and the world around you. Take a look at some tips that help engage young ones in reading time and some fun book suggestions.



### Read Together Daily

Make reading together a priority in your schedule. Offer a variety of books to your child and let your child pick the book he or she wants to read. Engage with your child by sharing your favorites too!

### Be Expressive

We don't want our kids to feel like reading is a chore. Strive to make reading together a fun time. Be expressive, use silly voices, make sounds, vary your pace and volume, and be a dynamic reader. Engage with your child as you read together!



### Talk About It

Reading together is a great time to nurture comprehension, social-emotional learning, and problem-solving skills. Talk with your child about what you are reading. Questions like, "What do you think will happen next?" "How do you think the character is feeling right now?" "What would you do if that happened to you?" are all great questions to ask and encourage dialogue.

## Book Suggestions

Check out these websites for great books for children ages 3 to 5 years old:



Scholastic

<https://www.scholastic.com/home>



Free Children Stories

<https://www.freechildrenstories.com/>



American Library Association

<https://www.ala.org/>