



## Reading to Preschool Children



### Preparing to Read

- Preview books for appropriate content.
- Read with your child in a cozy, comfortable place.
- Cuddle up so your child associates reading with love and comfort.
- Begin with easy-to-read picture books.
- Offer your child a choice of books.

### Reading the Book

- Talk about the pictures on the page. Point to them and talk about the pictures as clues to what the story is about.
- Read with enthusiasm and energy. Use different voices for different characters.
- Move your finger across the page occasionally as you read to show that print moves from left to right and top to bottom. Sometimes, you might just say, "I am going to start reading here."
- Read favorite books often. Children love repetition.
- Read through the book at a pace that matches your child's attention.
- Introduce stories with short, simple plots.

*Enjoy reading! Keep it fun!*