

- Attitudes** Your attitudes about reading and your child as a successful reader can make all the difference!
- Books** Help your child make books to read. Use a favorite animal or subject.
- Cooking** Allow your child to help with easy cooking. Read food names and recipes.
- Daily Sharing** During your day, talk about things that happen and things you see, to expand your child’s speaking and reading vocabulary.
- Errands** As you travel around town, read signs. Encourage children to read the words they see in their environment.
- Fun** Play and fun are perfect ways for a child to learn.
- Games** Play rhyming-word games or games looking for certain letters or words on signs.
- Habits** Good reading habits are formed early in life. Go to the library, and read together at home.
- Interests** Find your child’s interests. Build on them through reading.
- Joy** Make reading a fun, joyful experience. Act out parts of a story or put on a play.
- Kindness** Be kind when your child reads. Allow the child to read without correcting each and every word. Make it a positive experience.
- Listen** Listen to your young child tell stories. Listen when your child reads.
- Magnetic Letters** Let your child put magnetic letters on the refrigerator. Make words, spelling out names of family members, pets, and foods.
- Nursery Rhymes** Have fun sharing nursery rhymes, songs, and poems. Children like them and learn about sounds and language, making them better readers.
- Outings** Go to “story time” at your local library or school. Go on outings to zoos and parks, and read the signs.
- Print** Show your child different kinds of print (labels on cans, signs, and magazine covers, for example) and writing (notes or letters you’ve written).



<b>Questions</b>	Ask questions, and welcome questions from your child.
<b>Read</b>	Read anywhere, anytime. Read coupons at the grocery store. Read while you wait in lines.
<b>Stories</b>	Choose stories that children can “pretend read,” then move to wordless story books, books with repeating patterns of language, and picture books with large print and simple words.
<b>Television</b>	You can use some television shows for children-such as “Sesame Street -to promote success in reading. As children grow, programs such as “Wheel of Fortune” offer opportunities for children to read.
<b>Understanding</b>	It is very important that children learn to understand what they read. Reading is for the purpose of gaining meaning.
<b>Variety</b>	Make many different kinds of reading materials available to children.
<b>Writing</b>	Writing can help children increase their reading skills. Writing letters and notes for others to read can be fun.
<b>Examples</b>	Talk about how heroic and great people in our world use reading in their everyday lives. Use their examples.
<b>Yes</b>	Create a feeling in your child that affirms, “Yes, I can read.”
<b>Zest</b>	Display enthusiasm and zest for reading and what you can find out through reading. Get excited!

***For more information and additional reading tips, please contact the  
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