



## Tips for reading at home with your child

**Do begin reading to children as soon as possible.** The younger you start reading to little ones, the easier and better it is.

**Do choose a comfy spot** and position yourself, the book and your child in such a way that you both can see the book and reach to point to pages and pictures.

**Do let the child pick the book you are going to read.** One excellent way to get young children involved in the reading aloud process is to allow them to select the book you read.

**Do have your child turn the pages for you.** This encourages involvement even in the smallest child.

**Do understand that it is normal if your child asks to hear the same story over and over again.** If you are really tired of reading the same book, try reading it in a different voice or as you are reading, try stopping at a key word and see if your child can fill it in for you!

**Do read the pictures, not just the words.** As a competent reader, your eyes are drawn to the print. Your child, however, looks to the pictures to offer meaning and clues as to what the book is about.

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Please Sign & Return

### Raising A Reader Family Commitment

I, \_\_\_\_\_, commit to doing my best to read with my child at least once a day. I understand I will receive a book bag each \_\_\_\_\_ and return book bags each \_\_\_\_\_. I will encourage my child to handle books with care.

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Child's Name

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Parent Signature

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Date