



## Resources for Families:

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- Your child will enjoy spending time with you.
- Your child will learn about what books are and how to use them.
- Your child will learn listening skills.
- Looking at pictures, listening to you read the book and talking about it will help your child learn new words and ideas.
- Some books help develop children's imagination.
- Some books give new information.
- Your child understands that reading and books are fun – an important lesson to learn before going to school.
- Loving books will encourage learning to read later.
- Talking about the story helps children's thinking and language skills.



### How do you share books?

- Choose a time when your child is interested and you have time to enjoy the book with your child. Try to find a special time every day.
  - ✓ Point to the title and tell your child what it is.
  - ✓ Point to the author's name and say it. Tell your child that this is the person who wrote the story in the book.
  - ✓ Point to the name of the illustrator and say it. Tell your child that this is the person who drew the pictures in the book.
- Ask your child to look at the picture on the cover. Ask what he or she thinks the book is about.
- Read the book, pointing to the pictures on each page and sometimes pointing to each word.
- Along the way, stop to make new discoveries in the story or pictures.
- Ask your child: "What do you think will happen next?"
- Talk about the book with your child. Ask your child if he or she enjoyed the book.
- Ask what he or she liked about it.
- If your child asks questions, or wants to talk about the book, listen and respond.