

Reach Out and Read Colorado Reading Tips for Parents

MAKE READING PART OF EVERYDAY.

Read at bedtime or on the bus.



HAVE FUN.

Children who love books learn to read. Books can be part of special time with your child.

A FEW MINUTES IS OK.

Young children can only sit for a few minutes for a story, but as they grow, they'll sit longer.

TALK ABOUT THE PICTURES.

You don't have to read the book to tell a story.

LET YOUR CHILD TURN THE PAGES.

Babies need board books and help to turn pages, but your three-year-old can do it alone!

SHOW YOUR CHILD THE COVER PAGE.

Explain what the story is about.

SHOW YOUR CHILD THE WORDS.

Run your finger along the words as you read them.

MAKE THE STORY COME ALIVE!

Make up voices, use your body to tell the story.

ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT THE STORY.

What's going to happen next? What's that?

LET YOUR CHILD ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT THE STORY.

LET YOUR CHILD TELL THE STORY.

Children as young as three can memorize a whole story.

For more information on reading to your child and Reach Out and Read, ask your healthcare provider or visit www.reachoutandreadco.org

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