

Basic Skills: Reading Strategies for Home

Reading to your children every day is very important. Here are some ways to read to your children and have discussions about what you are reading.

INTRODUCTION TO THE STORY

1. Read the title, author's name, and illustrator's name.
2. Look at and talk about the pictures on the cover. This will help your child guess what the story is about.
3. Give a one-sentence summary of the book. Introduce new vocabulary.
4. Find something in the story to relate to your child's experiences.

DURING READING - TALK ABOUT THE STORY

1. Choose some questions to ask while you read.

- a) What is _____ doing in the story?
- b) What do you think will happen next? (Predict.)
- c) What problem does _____ have?
- d) What does _____ have to find out or do?
- e) What is happening in this picture?

2. Relate the story and pictures to the child's experiences.

AFTER READING - DISCUSS THE STORY

Choose some of these questions to ask:

1. What was your favorite part?
2. Did you like the story? Why or why not?
3. What happened in the beginning, middle, and end?
4. How did _____ solve his problem?
5. What does the story teach you about _____?

OPERATION BOOKWORM: STEPS FOR READING A BOOK TO YOUR CHILD