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Facts about Reading

- Reading together is important! You are your child's first and best teacher. If you show your child that reading is important, they will think it is important, too.
- When children look at picture books before they can read the words on the page, they are working on important skills that will lead to reading.
- Reading the same book over and over helps children connect spoken words to the text on the page.



Love to Learn

- A child's attitude about learning—especially reading—impacts how successful they will be in school and later in life.
- When children are taught that reading is fun, they are much more likely to want to learn, and more likely to continue reading as they become older.
- How children perceive reading has a big impact on all areas of learning. It is important to make learning fun, and for your child to see you enjoying reading and learning, as well.



Activities That Encourage Reading

- Read together at least 20 minutes per day. Research shows that this simple practice has a big impact on a child's success as a reader later.
- Create a cozy space for your child to read. Place books on a shelf that is easy for them to reach.
- Read signs when you are out with your child. Children will recognize familiar print—this is a child's first step toward reading.
- Read wordless books together. Ask your child to read the story to you through the actions in the pictures. This offers your child the opportunity to be the narrator and helps to develop language, communication, and literacy skills.
- Choose books to read to your child that you find enjoyable. If you enjoy a book, chances are your child will, too. When reading is fun, it has a much more positive impact on a child!

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