

Make a Routine for Reading!

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FEATURED BOOKS



For reading to your child:

Wild About Books by Judy Sierra, *Once Upon a Time* by Niki Daly, *Tom and Pippo Read a Story* by Helen Oxbury

For your child to read to you:

I Can Read! series published by Harper Trophy, *Step Into Reading* series published by Random House

For shared reading:

You Read to Me, I'll Read to You by Mary Ann Hoberman

Let's Read Together!

School is back in session and now is the perfect time to establish healthy and engaging routines for reading this year! Whether you are reading to your child or your child is beginning to read to you, this is a great time to create a daily habit of reading together. See the suggestions below to help foster your child's love of reading and to make it special, fun and purposeful!

Daily reading routine:

1. Select a **special time** for reading each day.
2. Choose a **comfortable place** where you can read together.
3. Find a **great book**. If you are reading to your child, choose a book that your child will enjoy. You may be tired of your child's favorite book, but s/he is not. If your child is reading to you, have them choose a book that is easy for them to read so that sharing books at home is an enjoyable event. When your beginning reader encounters a difficult word, provide the word to keep the story moving and enthusiasm for reading high.
4. During and after reading, check for understanding. Choose one or two **questions to start a discussion** such as:
 - What happened in the book?
 - Who was the book about?
 - What was your favorite part of the book?
 - Did you like this book? Why or why not?

You can use the printable bookmark on the next page to remember these helpful tips. Reading is challenging for a beginning reader so be patient and offer lots of encouragement. Enjoy your time together and have fun!

Reading Together Bookmarks

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Print out this page on heavier paper (if possible) and trim around the dashed lines for 3 helpful bookmarks!

<p>1 Special Time</p> <p>2 Comfortable Place</p> <p>3 Great Book</p> <p>4 Ask Questions to Start a Discussion</p> <p>pal ASK GOOD QUESTIONS</p> <p>“What happened in the book?”</p> <p>“Who was the book about?”</p> <p>“What was your favorite part of the book?”</p> <p>“Did you like this book? Why or why not?”</p>	<p>1 Special Time</p> <p>2 Comfortable Place</p> <p>3 Great Book</p> <p>4 Ask Questions to Start a Discussion</p> <p>pal ASK GOOD QUESTIONS</p> <p>“What happened in the book?”</p> <p>“Who was the book about?”</p> <p>“What was your favorite part of the book?”</p> <p>“Did you like this book? Why or why not?”</p>	<p>1 Special Time</p> <p>2 Comfortable Place</p> <p>3 Great Book</p> <p>4 Ask Questions to Start a Discussion</p> <p>pal ASK GOOD QUESTIONS</p> <p>“What happened in the book?”</p> <p>“Who was the book about?”</p> <p>“What was your favorite part of the book?”</p> <p>“Did you like this book? Why or why not?”</p>
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