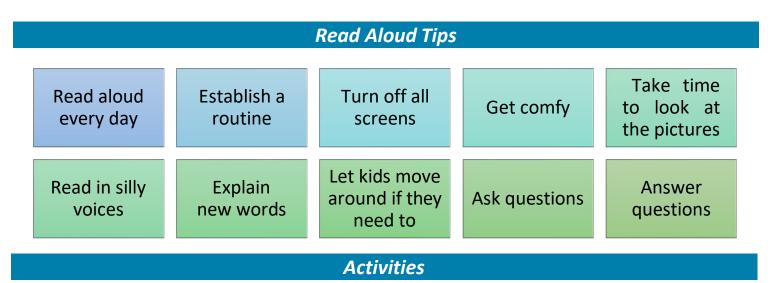


Reading with your child is an excellent way to expose your child to words, topics, and ideas that are more complex than what they would see in books they can read on their own.



- » Before Reading: Ask your child to look at the front cover of the book and make a prediction as to what they think the story will be about.
- » Hide and Seek: Take turns hiding and searching for different objects with your child. After you have hid and they have searched, allow your child the opportunity to hide an object. Repeat with several different objects. While playing, model using words like above, below, under, or beside to give hints on where the object is hidden.
- » Everyday Counting: Model counting in the child's environment. For example, count items as you set the table or count how many steps in takes to talk from one room to another.
- » Mirror, Mirror: Let your child spend some time looking into a mirror and making observations. Use this time to help develop vocabulary by identifying different facial features or expressions they make.
- » After Reading: Revisit the pages in the story that were your child's favorite. Point to and name the items on the pages. Encourage your child to repeat the words and point to the pictures.







