

## DID YOU KNOW?

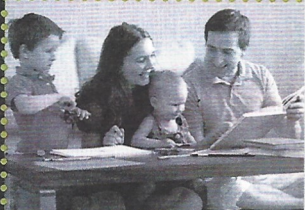
Children who are read to at an early age are more successful in school.

Reading aloud to infants and children encourages social, emotional, and cognitive development.

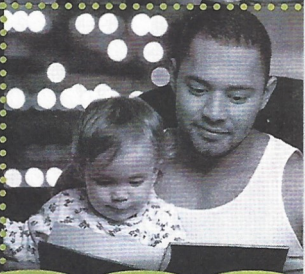


The ability to learn language skills is greatest before the age of six.

Children who are read to have bigger vocabularies when they enter school.



If you read just one book a day with your child, you'll reach 1,000 books in less than three years.



Ask your librarian how to get started in the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program.

## **Have Fun**

Use different voices, motions, facial expressions, and props (toys, stuffed animals) to bring the story to life.

## **Snuggle Up**

Hold your child in your lap or next to you. Include a favorite blanket, stuffed animal, or other comfort item.

## **Talk About It**

Point out things in the pictures. Ask your toddler questions about the pictures and story. Share stories about yourself.

## **Stay Flexible**

It's okay to skip pages, read back to front, just look at the pictures, or not finish a book. You can also read aloud while your child plays with other toys.

## **Be Prepared**

Keep books close at hand—throughout your home, in the diaper bag, in the car—for sharing anytime. A few minutes throughout the day add up to a big benefit for your child.

## **Repeat Favorites**

Children love to hear their favorite stories over and over again—and the repetition helps them gain important literacy skills.

## **Record Your Success**

Use a reading log from your library or the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten app. Enjoy a fun treat with your child when you reach milestones (100, 250, . . .).