



*“Experts tell us that children need to hear a thousand stories read aloud before they begin to learn to read for themselves. Three stories a day will deliver us a thousand stories in one year alone, let alone in the four or five years prior to school. We can do it!”*

Mem Fox, ‘Reading Magic’

Let’s visit a Library or an Early Years Centre.



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# Read To Me

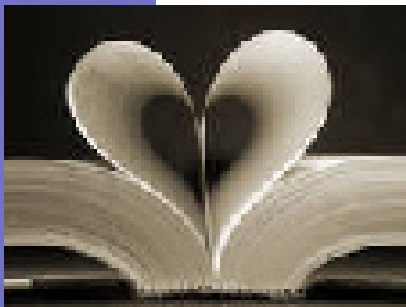


.. sharing books  
with Toddlers!

# Make time to read together each day!

## Choosing Books

- Choose a book that is neither too long nor too difficult for your child.
- Find books that appeal to your child's interests. Does he like bulldozers or puppy dogs?
- Lift-the-flap books will hold his interest longer and have an element of surprise.
- Good sturdy books that can handle rough play will be used more often.
- Pop-up or Pull-tag books will foster a child's coordination.



## Tips From Your Child

- Let me touch the pages in the book and ask me to tell you what I see.
- Find a comfortable and quiet place for us to enjoy books together and make sure I can see the words and pictures clearly.
- Be enthusiastic when you read. Give each character a different voice.
- Read me the same story over and over again. I love repetition.
- Let me choose the book sometimes and turn the pages.
- I have a hard time sitting still but I am doing my best!
- Be patient with me. Sometimes I just want to talk about the pictures. I like talking to you when we read together.

## Parents as Readers

- o Keep the reading sessions short and often throughout the day.
- o Read anytime and anywhere. Pack a book when you go to the store or doctor's office.
- o Read slowly and say the words clearly.
- o Use drama and excitement to make the story come alive.
- o Praise your toddler's efforts to talk, and point to pictures.
- o Stop reading when your child loses interest.
- o Have fun with sounds. Read lots of rhyming books.

