

Fridge notes



READING WITH YOUR CHILD

- Read at a quiet time with TV and music turned off
- Get comfy!
- Read when your child seems calm and alert- like bedtime
- Read to your other children too
- Speak in "parent-ese" (-what's that?!)·

Use a sing-song voice-higher pitched-clearly (not baby talk)-repeat words-pause-wait for a response-exaggerated facial expressions-use sound effects-have fun!

- *Point to the pictures as you talk about them*
- *Re-read their favourites often*
- *Chant or sing rhymes*
- *Use hand movements with words*
- *Praise and give positive feedback ("..that's right!")*
- *Let your child turn the pages*
- *Read everyday*
- *Visit your library*
- *Go to the library to browse or borrow books*
- *Let your child choose several books from the library*

Choose books that encourage your child to 'chime in' and repeat words; books that label objects and parts of the body; books that illustrate actions words like 'walking' or 'running'.

Choose books that reflect your child's interests such as trucks or dogs, and experiences such as going to the park or playing football, books that use familiar phrases such as, thank you' or 'goodbye'.

CHOOSE BOOKS!!!