



## Love of Reading



*"Books stimulate the senses,  
arouse the imagination, and inspire a love of  
reading that will last a lifetime."*

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### 10 things to do when reading;

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iHM170ZmxIQ&list=PLDe74jIF52zSCiOMSn3zQDSzqu9TrbQlc&index=6>

Developing a love for books in the early years will set your child up for reading readiness and help lay the basis for your child's success inside, outside and beyond school. You can encourage your children to read and develop a love of reading in many ways;

- **Books, Books, Everywhere Books** - Fill your child's life with books! Have a great variety of books available to read and explore. Choose books that are age/ ability appropriate and have topics or stories that are relevant to them. Have books in the car, bedrooms, play area and we take them on small trips and holidays. You could encourage your children to engage in Audiobooks too.
- **Build a Home Library** - Visit the local library regularly and browse around the variety of books. Talk about the different kinds of books and allow children to select books on particular topics that they are interested in. You can also take your children to the charity shops and explore comics/ newspapers to build up your home library.
- **Create a Place to Read** - Getting comfortable in a well-lit space will prolong reading. Create a reading corner with a box of books and a comfy chair, a pile of cushions or soft toys. Reading does not have to always be about being read to by an adult, it can be about sharing a book with a friend, sibling or reading by yourself. Reading is not only about decoding the text but making meaning from the stories. Encourage your children to make up the stories from the pictures in the book.
- **Reading Out Loud** - Make reading a special time together and set it in a routine to help make it happen regularly. When we read to our children, they develop a love of books and are eager to explore ways to "read" to themselves, write about what they see, and create their own stories. They learn new words and concepts and understand that written words communicate ideas and information. They are able to see the connection between the sounds they hear and the words and pictures they see.