



UNITED THROUGH READING®

Are You Reading Aloud With Your Infant/Toddler?

It is never too early to begin reading aloud with your child. A child's brain capacity for intellect is already half developed by the time they are four years old. Your voice alone while reading aloud during pregnancy stimulates brain development. Furthermore, it introduces sounds as language as well as provides a special intimate moment. Reading aloud with your baby can provide a head start in language development while enhancing the bond between child and parent or caregiver. Reading aloud truly can bring magic into your life and the life of your child.

Birth –Age 3

Make time daily to read aloud, creating special bonding moments and snuggle time.

Choose books that have bright pictures to share with your child to stimulate sight and imagination.

Age appropriate picture books will naturally introduce colors, sounds and language patterns.

Read slowly and encourage the child to point to different items in the books. Children will learn to identify objects.

Supply board books to encourage your infant to begin looking at books independently.

Model a love for books by reading your own books in front of your child.

Help children understand how to take "good care" of books.

Sing stories from books or invent your own songs to further excite and delight the child.

Re-read your child's favorite stories, supporting their interests and curiosity.

Allow children to touch, feel, and even play with different reading material. Children enjoy turning the pages of almost any type of book!

Take requests! Your child will be excited about books and reading.

Talk to your child. Share your own stories

Enjoy every moment; time flies! Read aloud with your child!