



UNITED THROUGH READING®

How Your Video Will Affect Your Child

There are three factors that are particularly important in the development of a child's ability to read. Reading to your child(ren) on videotape can provide the experiences necessary for reading readiness. Although you are not present in the home you can continue to be a "teacher" to your child by participating in Family Literacy Foundation's Uniting Through Reading program.

Children need many beginning experiences with words, letters and sounds.

- Young children learn from repetition and can review the videotape over and over learning the patterns and rhythm of the story.
- Reading a story will introduce your child to new concepts such as shapes, colors and numbers.
- Your child's vocabulary will grow as they listen to new words through the stories you're reading.
- Asking questions and other interactive techniques that stimulate a response provide an opportunity for immediate reinforcement of a new concept, idea, or word.
- When the child watches the videotape their brain is stimulated, contributing to a child's ability to read.

It is very important that a child feel confident and safe within their environment.

- Your child can see your face often by watching the videotape.
- The videotape will send a message to the child that they are loved and cared for.
- Your child will understand that you are away, but that you care enough to take the time to read to them on videotape.
- You can send messages of encouragement and praise relating to your child's everyday life.
- Your child may be comforted by the sound of your voice.
- Through the videotape you can reassure your child of where you are.

Children can become motivated and inspired as they develop a love for reading and a desire to read.

- Your child will feel excited because YOU are reading to him/her. Don't worry about making mistakes during the taping session.
- Children will relate books to positive experiences.
- You become a role model to your child. When you read in front of your child, the child become aware of the importance of books in your life and therefore will consider reading important in their own lives.
- You will help your child learn to read faster and easier because through the videotapes your child will develop or continue to enjoy a love books as well as "sharing" special time with you.

Reading aloud with young children establishes a strong foundation in the basic skills related to the development of a child's ability to read. Reading is a lifelong, continuous and reading aloud through Family Literacy Foundations program can provide the basis from where it all begins.