

Reading Tips

For Parents

America's
BIGGEST
STORYTIME 

Reading aloud creates a special time for you to bond with your children, but did you know that it also helps your children develop the language skills they will use throughout school and for a lifetime? Use these Before, During, and After ideas to enrich your time reading together!

Before:

- Preview the book and practice reading it.
- Introduce the title, author, and illustrator.
- Discuss briefly what the story is about.

During:

- Hold the book so your child can see the words and illustrations.
- Vary your tone, volume, and pitch as you read.
- Pause occasionally to explain, comment, or look at the illustrations.

After:

- Discuss the characters and what happened in the story.
- Ask questions that provoke thought.
- Help your child relate the story to something personal or another story.

At-Home Literacy Checklist

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| <input type="checkbox"/> We fill our home with books, magazines, and newspapers. | <input type="checkbox"/> We make sure our child sees us reading. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> We read every day in the same place and at the same time. | <input type="checkbox"/> We reward our child's attempts at reading with praise. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> We talk about the characters and what happened in the story after we read. | |

