

How it works

- 1) Join a Motherread/Fatheread group near you.
- 2) Meet once a week to talk about children's books and about what it takes to be a parent, and practice reading, writing and listening.
- 3) Go with your family to a "Flurry" (Families Love Reading) party for a meal and a lot of fun! Just ask us if you'd like a ride.
- 4) Find out just how great it can feel to share a book you like with a child you love.



Things to know:



- ☺ You don't have to be a perfect reader to share a book with your child. There's a lot to see and talk about on the page.
- ☺ Books don't have to be boring or hard. Find ones you like, that make you laugh or make you think. That's what books are for!



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With Families and
Reading, you and
your family can go
FAR.



Reading with your kids
can make a difference—
and it's fun!

Questions? Call us at **xxx-xxxx**.

You can make a difference!



Sharing a book is a special time for both of you.

Children who are read to have an easier time learning to read, and do better in school. In fact, one study found that being read to was the single most important factor for a child's educational success. Reading with your children can make a difference for the rest of their lives, and builds happy memories at the same time.

You are the best person to help your child get ready for school

- ☺ You know your children best. You know what they like, and you know their moods.
- ☺ Children learn best by doing, and they love doing things with *you*.
- ☺ Young children learn best with short games they can do over as much as they want. At home it's easy to play language and reading games for a few minutes at a time, any time you want to.
- ☺ The skills that are a part of reading start growing long before a child starts school. What you do at home paves the way!
- ☺ Family can set the best example. Seeing *you* reading, and enjoying what you read, is very powerful!

Learning to Read

We're all born ready to learn to talk; it just comes naturally. Reading and writing, though, are *not* natural!

There are six skills in learning to read. Some of them seem simple, but others are hard.

- 1) **Talking:** knowing lots of words
- 2) **Telling stories:** knowing how words go together and make sense
- 3) **Letters:** knowing your ABC's
- 4) **Sounds:** knowing how sounds match up to letters and how they are put together in words
- 5) **Print:** knowing how letters and words work on a page and how pages work in a book
- 6) **Liking books:** knowing that reading is fun and useful—not a chore, or something only lazy or boring people do!



We like to read together!

Tips for Reading

You can help your child do the six reading skills any time. Just talking with them about their day (and your day, too!) gives them a chance to learn new words and to tell about what they think and feel. You can go over ABC's together, you can talk about words, and you can play with the sounds in words and how they're spelled ("Cat starts with C. What else starts with C? I love my cat, and I love crunchy cookies when I'm cruising in the car!").



Books have the coolest stuff inside!



Reading together tips:

- ☺ Talk about what you see on the page. Ask questions ("What do you think that dog is going to do?" "How many yellow birds can you find?")
- ☺ Sound out words together
- ☺ Explain words your child might not know
- ☺ Play rhyming games with words on the page
- ☺ Talk about the story ("Why did the princess say that? How did that make the frog feel?")
- ☺ Have fun! Reading together should always be a good time.