

ABC's of Reading Aloud

- A** ALLOW time each day to spend reading with your child.
- B** BE a reading model! Let your child see you reading.
- C** CREATE an interest in reading by reading aloud books suitable to your child's age and interest.
- D** DO start out with short stories—gradually build your child's attention span.
- E** ENRICH your child's learning experiences through books.
- F** FOCUS your child's attention on the book you are reading by showing and discussing pictures.
- G** GLANCE through the book before you read it to your child so that you are familiar with it.
- H** HAVE your child sit close to you when you are reading so that you are sharing the book.
- I** INCREASE your child's listening and speaking vocabularies by explaining unfamiliar words.
- J** JOIN your public library so that you have access to a variety of books.
- K** KEEP your child's books in view in easy-to-get places.
- L** LISTEN to your child tell stories from books, even if he/she can't read all the words in the book.
- M** MENTION the author and title of the book each time you read to your child.
- N** NURTURE your child's imagination by selecting different kinds of stories such as rhyming books, fairy tales, animal stories, mysteries, and adventures.
- O** OPEN the door to the world of reading. Read daily to your child.
- P** PASS ON the pleasure of reading by building memories your child can treasure.
- Q** QUOTE the characters in a story meaningfully by changing the tone of your voice.
- R** READ, read, read!
- S** STIMULATE interest before reading by sharing experiences.

- T TALK about the books you have read together.
- U USE expression when reading aloud so that the story will come to life.
- V VISIT a book store often and give books as presents.
- W WHENEVER you can, create...
- X EXCITEMENT about reading: it's great.
- Y YOU can encourage reading with...
- Z ZEST! Be excited and the books will do the rest.

--Author Unknown