

## MORE TIPS FOR PARENTS

Learn more about how to choose appropriate books for your child. A good place to find information on choosing books is the library.

Find out what your child is reading. You will be able to find out their interests and concerns.

Provide guidelines about what books you don't want your child to read and explain why. If your child does happen to choose a book that you consider inappropriate, make sure you explain your reasons to him/her.

Discuss books with your child. With discussion, you allow your child to distinguish what is right from what is wrong or what is fact and what is fiction.



# Reading Tips for Parents

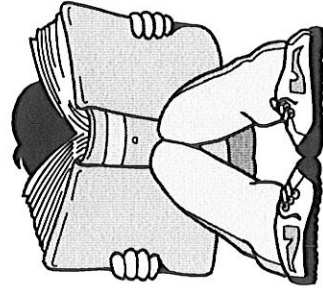


Spend more time for reading than watching TV. Let TV be a starting point for reading. Find books for you and your child that were topics on TV.

Most importantly, be a good role model. Make reading a part of your life. Whenever your children see you reading, you are teaching them that reading is important as well as fun.

## Benefits of Reading to Your Child

- ☺ Your child's intellectual development grows due to reading. As children listen to stories, they hear new sounds and increase their vocabularies.
- ☺ Reading also encourages emotional development.
- ☺ Children who become good readers are those who have had many experiences with print in their first 5 years.
- ☺ Children who have been exposed to reading have a better chance at success in formal learning.



## Tips on Reading to Your Child

- ☺ Make reading part of your daily routine.
- ☺ Whenever possible, let your child decide what you will read.
- ☺ Take turns reading to each other.
- ☺ Ham it up! Use different voices.
- ☺ Keep the story moving. Help with difficult words to maintain the flow.
- ☺ Drop the story if your child is not interested. Move onto something else.
- ☺ Most important, this is a special time for you and your child to spend together. Make it fun and enjoyable for both of you!

## Tips on Choosing Books for Your Child

- Know what your child's interests are and keep them in mind when choosing books.
- Choose books that are appropriate for your child's age:
- ☺ Books with rhymes.
  - ☺ Rhythm & repetition
  - ☺ Books with colorful illustrations and a simple story
  - ☺ Easy chapter books.

