

Reading with Children

Many people have *misconceptions* (wrong beliefs) about how they should read with children or what happens when they read together.



Here are some research-based tips for reading with children:

- ❖ It is not necessary to read every word. Children can “read” the pictures!
- ❖ It is not necessary to read the whole book. It’s okay not to finish.
- ❖ You should preview the book. Talk about it before you read it.
- ❖ You should let children hold the book or turn the pages.
- ❖ You should show children the words as you read them.
- ❖ You can be fun and creative. Use voices, change the story, or include yourself.
- ❖ You should ask questions and let children ask questions about the story.
- ❖ Reading at home should be a habit. It may be hard to start, but it can eventually be a normal part of your routine.

Now, **reword** (write in different words) five of the tips:
