

## HOOK YOUR CHILD ON BOOKS

### TRY TO READ EVERY DAY

Choose a time when your child can sit quietly, such as before naptime or bedtime.

Make reading for your child something special.

Use reading as a reward.

### HOW TO READ TO A VERY YOUNG OR RESTLESS CHILD

Read short books, or parts of books.

Do not force the child to sit still for reading. If the child continues to be restless, stop and try again when child is more settled.

### ALLOW YOUR CHILD TO GET INVOLVED

Encourage your child to comment, ask questions, point to pictures, "read" by him or herself.

### SELECT BOOKS THAT WILL HOLD THE CHILD'S INTEREST

Choose books that are easy to read out loud.

Repeat your child's favorites.

Search for new books all the time.

### FIND A QUIET SPOT TO READ

Try to stay away from noise and TV.

Ask the rest of the family not to disturb you.

### BE A DRAMATIC READER

Try to change your voice tones and pitch

Change your pace for special effects.

### TALK ABOUT WHAT YOU HAVE READ WITH YOUR CHILD

Discuss the book right after you have read it.

Encourage your child to make comments, and to retell what you have read.