



READ WITH YOUR CHILD: A Guide for Parents

Fiction and short stories:

- Preview the book together and discuss pictures and any titles.
- Share the oral reading of the text—you read a page and then your child reads one.
- Encourage your child to make predictions about what will happen and how characters will react to new situations, and share your own ideas about the direction the story is taking.
- Discuss connections you make between the book and your own experiences or other books or movies you and your child share.

Nonfiction, magazines, and newspaper articles:

The weekend paper is a great source of articles that you and your children can share. Rather than newspaper reading being a solitary experience, get comfortable and take some time with your child to look through the sections of the paper that might be of interest to you both. As you scan the sections, find some high-interest articles. Either read the article orally to your child or share the reading of the text. Then discuss what you liked and learned from it. You may be surprised at how many different articles you will both find interesting.