

SIMPLE TIPS FOR **Reading Together**

Reading with your child often—in any language you're comfortable with—helps them learn new words, develop thinking skills, and build a lifelong love of reading. Even if you're not confident reading aloud, discussing the pictures and stories is just as valuable.

▶ **Read together often**

Let your child hold the book and turn the pages. Point to the words and pictures as you go. This helps your child learn how we read: from left to right, top to bottom.

▶ **Talk about the story**

After you finish, ask your child to tell the story back to you or make up their own story using the pictures. This supports reading comprehension and encourages creative thinking.

▶ **Keep books within reach**

Make sure books are always available to your child. You can keep them by their bed or carry them in a bag when you're out and about.

RECOMMENDED READS

How Do Dinosaurs Go to School

by Jane Yolen, illustrated by Mark Teague
A fun, rhyming tale that explores school rules in a lighthearted way.

The King of Kindergarten and **The Queen of Kindergarten**

by Derrick Barnes, illustrated by Vanessa Brantley-Newton
Follow two confident young children as they embark on their first day of kindergarten.

The Kissing Hand

by Audrey Penn, illustrated by Ruth Harper
A reassuring tale about separation anxiety and the love between caregivers and children.

Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten

by Joseph Slate, illustrated by Ashley Wolff
See how a kindergarten teacher prepares for the arrival of her students.

Pete the Cat: Rocking in My School Shoes

by Eric Litwin, illustrated by James Dean
Join Pete the Cat as he explores his school in style.



Reading together is a great way to talk about new feelings, ask questions, and get ready for big changes like starting school. Here are some books that are both fun and meaningful. You can find them at your local library.