

4 benefits of reading with your child



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You may have noticed that we post a list of our favorite books every month that cover a wide range of topics; friendship, courage and respect to name a few. These books provide a great opportunity to read with your child. Taking a few minutes to read together every day can be beneficial for both of you!

Builds bonds. Looking to spend a little more time with your child? Take a few minutes each day to read with them. Reading together is a great way to help them improve their reading ability. It's an easy way to bond with your kid and teach them the value of reading at the same time. Win-win!

- *Guess what? If families read together for 20 minutes a day, 7 days a week, they get more than 121 hours of bonding time every year!*

Boosts self esteem and communication skills. Sometimes children can be intimidated to interact with others verbally. Reading out loud can help children feel more comfortable

communicating with others. Try reading a sentence or two and then having your kid repeat the same sentence. This allows your kid to hear it said once and then try it for themselves. This process allows them to practice their verbal communication skills in a safe environment.

- *Guess what? Early readers have the opportunity to relate to their peers on a more confident, more competent level.*

Encourages creativity. Books can be a gateway to your child's imagination. Exposing children to unique stories is a great way to engage your kid's imagination and help grow their sense of creativity. Even if your kid is too young to read the actual story, encourage them to create their own!

- *Guess what? Reading with your child can spark their curiosity about people, places and things and also satisfies their curiosity by providing explanations of how things work.*

Grows their vocabulary. Children can increase their vocabulary by reading regularly and it can help them succeed in the classroom. Reading with your kid gives them a chance to ask you about words they're unfamiliar with. Learning new words and enjoying a fun story is a great way to help prepare your kid for challenges in the classroom!

- *Guess what? Out-of-school reading habits of students has shown that even 15 minutes a day of independent reading can expose students to more than a million words of text in a year!*

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