

Reading with Dad

Fathers create special memories when they spend time with their children, however few activities can compare with the benefits of reading together. Reading with children builds verbal skills, and can positively impact a child's success in school by developing a habit of reading.

Model Reading: Create moments when your child witnesses you reading - sending a clear message that reading is important.

Tell Stories: Share stories with your child about your childhood, situations when you made a mistake and learned from it, or make up silly versions of familiar fairy tales.

Read in Fun Places in Fun ways: Read to your child in places that are unique. Read outside, in the car, in a blanket fort, under a tree, under the kitchen table, or in a park. Add even more fun by using flashlights, adding funny voices, acting out the story, or even including the family pet in the read-along.

Engage: Help your child stay engaged by letting them pick out the books, make predictions about what will happen in the story and turn the pages. All of these simple activities will keep your child interested and engaged.

Fathers who spend time reading with their children help them build their vocabulary, gain knowledge, and build a strong foundation for their future.




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