

Workshop 4
Parent Time
Handout

Making the Most of Reading Time

Remember to let children hold the book. Talk to them about how books work and the different parts of the book.



- Read with and to children of ALL ages!
- Let children help hold the book.
- Point out book features, such as the covers, title, and author.
- Use expression when you read. Use your voice.
- Let your child choose books. It is okay to read favorite books over and over again.
- When adults choose, pick different types of books.
- Point out interesting things in pictures. Encourage your child to point out things as well. Talk about what you see.
- Ask questions about the book.
- Try to use open-ended prompts.
 - Why do you think that happened?
 - What do you think will happen next?
 - How does that work?
 - What are you thinking?
 - How does that make you feel?
- Encourage your child to say repeated words and phrases.
- Use movements or gestures when reading.
- When a child learns to read, take turns. Let the child read a page and then the adult reads the next page.

