

## Early Reading:

Setting the stage for literacy learning

### Why it's important:

An adult, a child and a book is a rich learning space.

- When you read with a child you are creating a space of curiosity, safety and connection. It is a calming experience.
- Reading stories aloud allows you to stop and discuss the pictures, teach new words, ask questions and make connections to your child's own life experiences.
- Reading aloud introduces your child to book language, which is more sophisticated than regular conversation and will enhance their language comprehension.
- Reading aloud introduces your child to new ideas, sorting through problems, and finding empathy for others, all of which are important to engage successfully in social settings.



### Grab a book...

As you read the book together,

#### **Pause and look at the pictures:**

What do you see?  
What do you think is happening?  
How do they feel?

#### **Discuss the problem in the story:**

What do you think will happen next?  
Why do you think he/she/it did that?

#### **Make connections to your own experience:**

Does this remind you of when we...?  
Remember how you felt when...?

#### **At the end:**

*what part of that book did you like best?*

### Do you have a library card?

The public library is an excellent place to find so many books on every topic imaginable! Expand your child's horizons by checking out a new section they haven't browsed before.