

Find simple ways to make reading enjoyable



Support your child's growing reading skills by helping her see that reading isn't just useful—it's also fun! Reading is a lifelong skill and hobby for your child to enjoy.

To encourage her interest in reading:

- **Establish a routine.** For example, make the 30 minutes before bedtime reading time. Your child can read by herself or you can read together. Doing this daily will help your child develop a lifelong reading habit.
- **Provide exciting reading material.** Put interesting books, articles and poems where your child will see them. Find other things to read together, such as signs, recipes and instructions.
- **Read in unusual places.** Reading can take place anywhere! Your child can read outside, in



the kitchen, in the bathtub, or even in a blanket fort that she builds.

- **Research extracurricular activities.** Look for activities that involve reading or critical thinking, such as music or a book club.
- **Encourage your child to write often.** Reading and writing are closely connected. Give her a journal to write her thoughts in. Write your child little notes and ask her to write you back.