

# Strive to make reading a family priority



Reading with children is so important that it should be on your daily to-do list. When you read with your child on a daily basis, you show her that reading

is something that you value—and that helps ensure that she'll feel the same way!

To make reading a priority:

- **Keep a variety of reading material in your home.** You can check out books, e-books and audiobooks from the library and borrow materials from friends.
- **Choose a daily reading time,** such as before bed. Reading should never feel like a chore, so pick a time when your child is calm and seems to enjoy books most.
- **Suggest that your child hold a stuffed animal** while you read. Say, "Maybe Teddy would like to listen, too."



- **Have family reading time** where each person reads silently. Even if your child isn't reading yet, she can still look at books.
- **Let your child draw pictures** of the story while you read to her. This is a great idea for children who have trouble sitting still.
- **Make your own audiobooks.** Record yourself reading your child's favorite stories out loud. Your child will be able to listen while she reads along.