


Read With Your Toddler!


How to share books with a busy, independent toddler.





 Let your child choose a sturdy picture book.

 Sit where you are both comfortable.

 Let your child touch the book, point to pictures, and help you turn the pages.

 Name what you see, or read the words clearly.

 Read for as long as your child is interested – 30 seconds or 10 minutes.

 Does your child get distracted? Just try again later.

Making reading a part of family life will help your child be ready to do well in school.

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