



ReadBoston Downloadable Handouts: English

BRING READING HOME

READ TO YOUR CHILD OFTEN AND MAKE IT A FUN ACTIVITY.

Let your child choose the stories she wants to hear. Use different voices for different characters to make the stories come alive.

INTERACT WITH YOUR CHILD WHEN READING.

Let your child hold the book and turn the pages. Look at and talk about the pictures. Ask questions about the story, such as “What do you think will happen next?”

MANY CHILDREN LOVE TO HEAR THE SAME STORY AGAIN AND AGAIN.

By hearing the same story repeated over and over, children memorize the words in the story, expanding their vocabulary and building their confidence.

SET ASIDE SPECIAL TIME TO READ TO YOUR CHILD.

Be attentive and affectionate during reading. Your child will make a connection between books and special moments with caring family members.

READ AND WRITE WITH YOUR CHILD IN THE LANGUAGE YOU SPEAK AT HOME.

Practicing in her first language will help her learn to read and write in English.

CHOOSE BOOKS THAT CELEBRATE YOUR CULTURE, ETHNICITY AND BACKGROUND.

Read a wide variety of books, including multicultural folktales, biographies and nonfiction stories.

SHOW YOUR CHILD THAT WORDS HELP US MAKE SENSE OF OUR WORLD.

Help your child recognize her own name, read signs aloud, make shopping lists together and follow a recipe together while cooking to help her connect words with meaning.

TAKE REGULAR TRIPS TO THE LOCAL LIBRARY.

Show your child where the books are and how to get her own books.

HAVE BOOKS AVAILABLE FOR YOUR CHILD TO READ WHENEVER SHE WANTS.

Write your child’s name inside her own books and encourage her to start building her own library.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOUR CHILD SEES YOU READING AND WRITING TOO.

Have plenty of newspapers, magazines or novels around the house along with pens, pencils, crayons and paper for them to use.