

Rhyme and Read

What to do:

Reading out loud to your child is a great boost for their learning. It is also a wonderful way of spending time together, especially at bedtime.

As you read, show your child words that rhyme and show them how words that rhyme often have the same ending - like "cat" and "sat" or "mouse" and "house." Enjoy story books that have fun with rhymes, like *Green Eggs and Ham* by Dr. Seuss.

Materials:

Books
Parent/Child



Why is this activity important?

Reading aloud combines the benefits of talking, listening and storytelling within a single activity and helps to build the foundation for language development. From stories, your child learns many things, like how to listen and concentrate, new words and an understanding of why things happen. They also learn to put ideas in order, develop their memory skills, notice how spoken words relate to words on the page and they learn how to predict outcomes. Reading gives your child a chance to develop their own opinions, build visual skills and learn how to handle books.