Enjoy this story with your child

This story is from the East and it is very old. It has been told and retold because it is fun and can help us think and learn. It can help us see what we share with Eastern people and what we can learn from them. It can help us learn about ourselves and our world.

Read it again and again with your child. You may both find something new each time you read it. Enjoy! Cuddle up and start reading.

Children do better in school when you read together at home.

Help your child to read

Talk more to your baby. Talk more with your child. This helps her speak better and read better too.

Read with your child every day, even as a baby. She's never too young to start.

You are her most important teacher.

Make reading a part of your family life.

Let your child see you read, too.

Have lots of books in the home.

Get them from the library. Buy them at a yard sale.

Sit in a comfy spot beside your child.

Don't worry about your reading mistakes or accent.

Reading is a special time for you and your child. Sit in a comfy spot beside her.

Relax. Don't rush. Have fun.
Reading Tips

Read each day at the same time.
Let your child pick the books to read.
Let him read his favourites again and again.
Sometimes point to the words as you read.
When your child is ready, let him tell you the story or let him read the story.
Help him find words inside and outside your house.
If he’s ready, help him learn the alphabet.
When you go out with him, bring along a book. You may find time to read together.

Work with teachers to help your child

When your child starts school

Talk to the teacher
Visit the school
Ask your children about school every day.
Show them that you are happy about what they are learning.
Put their school work on the wall or in a special place.

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