



BES Tiger Tracks



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Reading Aloud

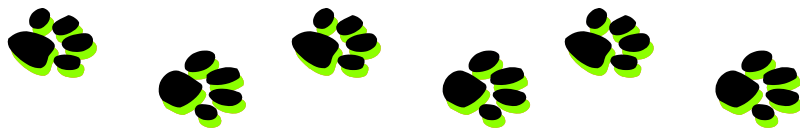
Reading aloud to your child helps build a strong foundation for reading.

If possible, read aloud every day for at least a half hour. Think about these facts:

1. If you read to your child for only half an hour a day, that adds up to 900 hours by age five.
2. If you read to your child for half an hour a week, that's 130 hours by age 5.
3. If you spend fewer than 30 minutes a week reading to your child, that's just 60 hours by age five.

Building a Reading Fort

Bring books, a flashlight, and some blankets or sheets into your living room. Help your child make a "reading fort" by draping the sheets over furniture.



Kid-Generated Critiques

When you and your child are picking out a book to read, check to see what other student readers think about the book. Find out at Spaghetti Book Club (www.spaghettibookclub.org). This website has reviews "by kids for kids" and is free!

Checking a Book's Vocabulary Level

If reading books have too many new words, a child can become frustrated-and that prevents reading! When your child is looking at a new book to read, use the "five word" rule. If three to five words on a page are unfamiliar, read the book together. If more than five words per page are unfamiliar, then the book is too hard right now. Read that book aloud to the child.