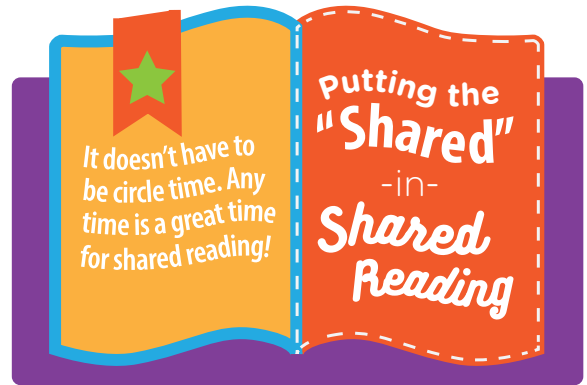




## Family Talk: Shared Reading

**Shared Reading** is a great time to support language skills and build vocabulary!

- Storytelling is important to reading, too. Look at pictures or photographs and tell stories about your own family, pets, or community. Ask your child to fill in details.



### Infant

Choose baby-friendly books with bright and bold or high-contrast illustrations. These are easier for your child to see, and they may hold her interest longer.

Pay attention to how your baby reacts during reading time. If he isn't enjoying the story, try another book or try reading another time.

### Toddler

Read wordless books. Encourage your child to just look at the pictures, make up a story, or talk about what they see in the illustrations.

- "What happens next? Who is this character?"

Take turns holding the book and flipping pages. Respond to your child when she points or reacts to the story.

- "I see the cat! She is wearing a polka dot bow. What do you think the cat is going to do?"

### Preschool

Make reading part of your daily routine! Read together with your child, but also encourage him to "read" on his own. Ask questions such as:

- "What do you notice?"
- "Tell me about this picture..."

Ask your child to sort favorite stories into beginning, middle, and end.

- "Tell me about this story — what happened at the beginning? How did it end?"