

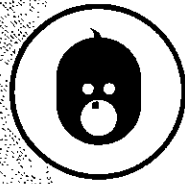


READING OUT LOUD helps a child get a good start at learning.

- It is the most important way for a child to learn the skills he or she needs for reading and writing.

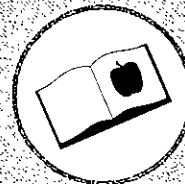


START TO READ out loud when he or she is a newborn.



READ OUT LOUD every day.

USE BOARD BOOKS for babies and younger children.



- To start out, use board books with few words and many pictures.

- Point to the colors and pictures and say their names.

SIMPLE BOOKS can teach children things that will help them learn to read. Children learn:

- A book is read from front to back. It is read right-side-up.
- Print goes from left to right.
- There are spaces between words.

FIND GOOD BOOKS for children.



- Ask friends and teachers to suggest good books for children.
- Ask the librarian for suggestions.
- Have your child, or the child you take care of, help pick out books.



READING TIPS



Help a child get ready for school

ATTEND READING programs at your local library or school.

TELL STORIES.

GIVE A CHILD PAPER and crayons to draw and write.



VISIT the library often.

- Start visiting the library when a child is very young.
- Set a regular time to visit the library.
- Get a library card for a child as soon as you can. Some libraries give them to children as soon as they can print their names.



LIMIT TV watching. Watch educational programs.

READ YOURSELF. Your child learns by example.



WHERE you can find help

Call your local library for more information about reading and their children's programs.

Santa Cruz Central Library 420-5700
Watsonville Central Library 728-6040