

## *Reading with your Child*

One of the most important things you can do to help your child grow into a thoughtful, creative, and compassionate person is to read aloud to them! Reading to your child can initiate an ongoing process of development that will help lay the foundation of their interest and enjoyment in reading. Reading aloud will also help to expand your child's language and pre-reading skills. Below are a list of suggestions providing opportunities to enhance the reading experience, and make it fun!

- Build reading time into your daily routine!  
Whether it's bathtime or bedtime, keep it consistent!
- Read stories with repetitive phrases  
Pause & give your child opportunity to finish the end of the phrase!
- Use different voices to help illustrate the story  
Bring the book to life!
- Be sure to revisit favorites!  
Children benefit from repetition, and will often get more from the story after re-reading
- Point things out and ask questions

Keep the reading interactive to keep their attention

- If you struggle with keeping their attention, try changing the main characters name to your child's name.
- Make your own books!

Use different categories, magazine pictures, pictures of your child doing different things, maybe even incorporate the NIS curriculum themes -

Make homemade photo albums with your child and ask for their help to create captions for each picture.

### What to Read?

- Books with simple plots and engaging illustrations  
Choose those with familiar themes that your child can relate to
- Books that encourage physical exploration  
Such as, lift-the-flap books, tabs to pull, etc.
- Fairy Tales
- Rhyming or Poetry Books
- Counting and ABC books
- And of course, your homemade books and photo albums!