



Shared Reading

Researchers have found a special way to read with young children that is different from how most adults learned to read. It's called "dialogic reading." Success By 6® calls it "shared reading," and it can lead to meaningful changes in preschool children's language skills. Shared reading will give parents and childcare providers the tools they need to develop the child's pre-reading skills.

It's a simple concept but requires a major change in the way we think about reading to children. Using shared reading, the adult reader asks leading questions, provides supportive comments and responds as the child tells the story. The process allows the child to practice new words, discover new meaning and share feelings with the adult reader.

Shared reading can begin at a very young age. Using picture books and simple prompts, the adult helps the child "read" the story. Long before children know the letters of the alphabet, they can "read" picture books aloud to an interested, engaged adult. That early enjoyable experience teaches young children that reading is fun, and it builds their confidence.

The best books for shared reading have a lot of pictures that tell the story. The stories should have plots that are familiar and interesting to young children.

For more information about shared reading, email Success By 6® at info@sb6uwgc.org



Here are some great stories for shared reading

Mama Zooms

Author & Illustrator:
Jane Cowen-Fletcher
Scholastic Inc.

Mama Zooms is a great book for preschoolers and toddlers. Parents, siblings or older schoolmates can read the book to the younger child or can simply talk about the illustrations. Here are some ideas!

Use this book to build vocabulary. Say the first part of this sentence and ask the preschooler to finish it with as many words as possible:

"If my mama had a zooming machine, I would zoom to the zoo to see the
(elephant, zebra, lion, and so on)
or
"If my mama had a zooming machine, I would zoom to the park to see the
(trees, flowers, fountain, and so on)