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Child's Name _____

Books 1-100

Read together every day!

Make this a warm and loving time when the two of you can cuddle close.

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Books 101-200

Talk or Sing About the Pictures

You do not have to read the words to tell a story. Try "reading" the pictures in a book for your child sometime. When your child is old enough, ask him to read the pictures to you!

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Books 201-300

Let Your Child Turn the Pages

Babies cannot yet turn pages on their own, but an 18-month-old will want to give it a try, and a three-year-old can do it alone. Remember, it's OK to skip pages!

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Books 301-400

Show Your Child the Cover Page

Explain what the story is about. If you have an older toddler, ask them to guess what the story might be about.

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Books 401-500

Show Your Child the Words

Run your finger along the words as you read them, from left to right.

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Books 501-600

Make the Story Come Alive

Create voices for the story characters and use your body to tell the story.

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Books 601-700

Make It Personal

Talk about your own family, pets, or community when you are reading about others in a story.

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Books 701-800

Ask Questions About the Story

(and Let Children Ask Questions Too!)
Use the story to have a back-and-forth conversation with your child. Talk about activities and objects you see in the illustrations.

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Books 801-900

Let Your Child Tell The Story

Children as young as three years old can memorize a story, and many children love to be creative through storytelling.

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Child's Name _____

Books 901-1000

HOORAY! YOU DID IT!

Say how much you enjoy reading

Tell your child how much you enjoy reading with him or her. Talk about "story time" as the favorite part of your day.