



## CHAPTER 10

# Helping Your Child Get Ready to Read

Read to your child every day. Make reading together a special time.

Encourage your child to hold the book and turn the pages.

### Point to the words you are reading.

- Follow the print with your finger from left to right.

### Listen to your child retell the story in his/her own words.

### Choose books that are repetitive and full of rhyme so your child can join in the reading.

- An important part of reading is to read favourite books again and again.

### Put magnetic letters on your fridge.

- Encourage your child to talk about letters and make words.

### Talk to your child.

- Tell stories about your family.
- Ask questions.
- Discuss the day over dinner.

### Make sure your child has a comfortable, inviting spot to read or study.

### Set limits on TV viewing and computer use.

- Talk about the written words you see in the world around you.

### Point out print everywhere.

- Read signs and labels.



### Encourage your child to tell the story from the pictures.

- Ask your child what he/she thinks will happen next.