



## *Reading together is really terrific for learning\* and enjoying...*

- *Spending time with family and friends*
- *Selecting interesting books*
- *Making choices about what books to read*
- *Learning new information about the world*
- *Describing and identifying things in illustrations*
- *Talking about the meaning of a story*
- *Identifying different styles of illustration*
- *Discovering how words convey the story*
- *Recognizing words and letters*
- *Turning pages one by one*
- *Hearing the voice of a loved one*
- *Listening to stories*



How could you support your child's learning through reading?

I could...

- ▶ Notice what interests my child about books and which books are most interesting.
- ▶ Focus on what my child is interested in.
- ▶ Wait and see what my child begins to do on his/her own.
- ▶ Allow my child more time with books.
- ▶ Show interest in what my child is doing with the books.
- ▶ Follow my child's lead.
- ▶ Encourage my child to make choices.
- ▶ Join in with what my child is doing.
- ▶ Read my own materials in front of my child to demonstrate how reading is helpful and enjoyable.
- ▶ Provide help when my child is frustrated.
- ▶ Encourage independence.
- ▶ Talk to my child about what he/she is doing.
- ▶ Offer my child the opportunity to act out stories.
- ▶ Notice my child's new skills.
- ▶ Sign up for story hour at the library.
- ▶ Read everyday materials (shopping lists, catalogs, newspapers, etc.)

\* Reading promotes development in all areas: cognitive, communication, motor, self-help and social.