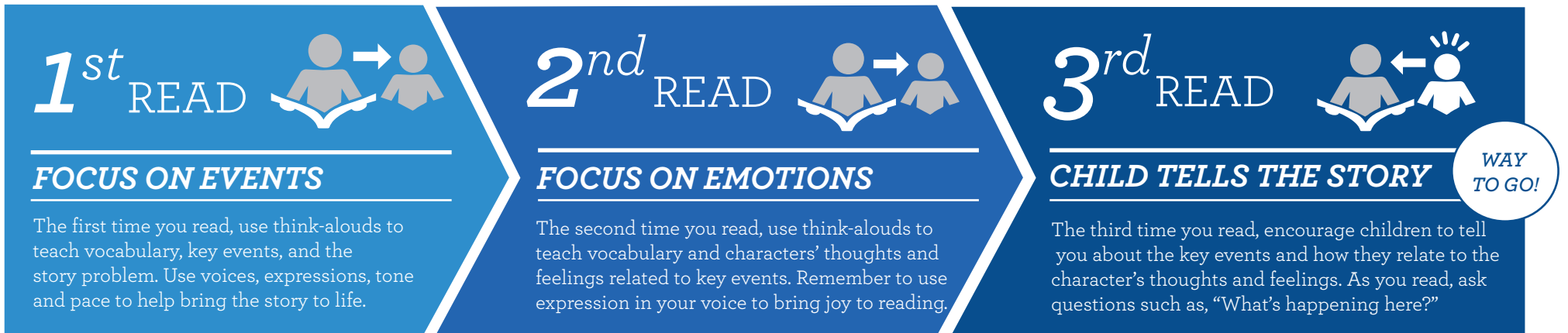


How you read with children makes a difference, for a lifetime.

A book can transform a child's life forever. By reading this book at least three times, you help children build language and vocabulary, engage in meaningful conversation, nurture critical thinking, and create powerful, determined learners and problem solvers.



How to transform story time into the ultimate learning experience for each and every child



Tips for reading:



Point to words

Point to illustrations to help children understand key vocabulary



Act out words

Help children understand important vocabulary by acting out these words



Tell child-friendly definitions

Define key vocabulary using words the children understand



Use think-alouds

Use think-alouds to help children understand important parts of the story. You can say things like, "I wonder why..." or "She must feel... because..."



Ask open-ended questions

At the end of the story, ask a "how" or "why" question to encourage children to discuss key events and characters' thoughts and feelings related to those events



Respond

Respond to children using well-formed sentences and key vocabulary from the story



Tie the book to other parts of the day

Plan centers and small group activities connected to the story that encourage children to use vocabulary from the book



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