# 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

 $\mathbf{1}^{st}$ read



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# $\mathbf{3}^{rd}$ read



#### **FOCUS ON EVENTS**

The first time you read, use think-alouds to teach vocabulary, key events, and the story problem. Use voices, expressions, tone and pace to help bring the story to life.

#### **FOCUS ON EMOTIONS**

The second time you read, use think-alouds to teach vocabulary and characters' thoughts and feelings related to key events. Remember to use expression in your voice to bring joy to reading.

### CHILD TELLS THE STORY

WAY TO GO!

The third time you read, encourage children to tell you about the key events and how they relate to the character's thoughts and feelings. As you read, ask questions such as, "What's happening here?"

#### 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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