



A. Read to your child every day ~ 15 minutes each day! There is much research on the importance of reading aloud. Show that reading is FUN! Talk about the pictures, events, favorite parts. Reading aloud will expose your child to new words, ideas, places, events, and more complex plots and sentences than beginning reading books have to offer. Another words, if your child is learning to read he/she can read those books. YOU, however, should be reading more difficult picture books to your child, such as the child's library books.

Top 10 reasons why you should read aloud to your child:

1. Your child will feel the love and attention. Cuddle up together in a special spot and make this time special.
2. It encourages your child to become a reader/better reader when the parent acts as a role model.
3. Listening to stories develops attention spans.
4. Books help imaginations SOAR!
5. The illustrations will help your child appreciate art.
6. Books pass on parental values.
7. Books are fun!
8. Listening to a story read aloud well is magical to a child.
9. This time with your child will create a lifetime of memories.
10. Every teacher and librarian will thank you!

<http://www.familyreading.org/i-10reasons.htm>

It is okay to reread your child's favorite books over and over.