



### Parent Meeting Storytimes

Children who never have a story read to them, who never hear words that rhyme, who never imagine fighting with dragons or marrying a prince, have the odds overwhelmingly against them.

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### What makes children happy?

- Read for fun on most days.
- Share meal times and talk together.
- Cut down on TV viewing.
- Do things together visit local places: farms, parks, museums.
- Teach their children new skills and knowledge cooking, drawing, music, sport.
- Listen to each other.



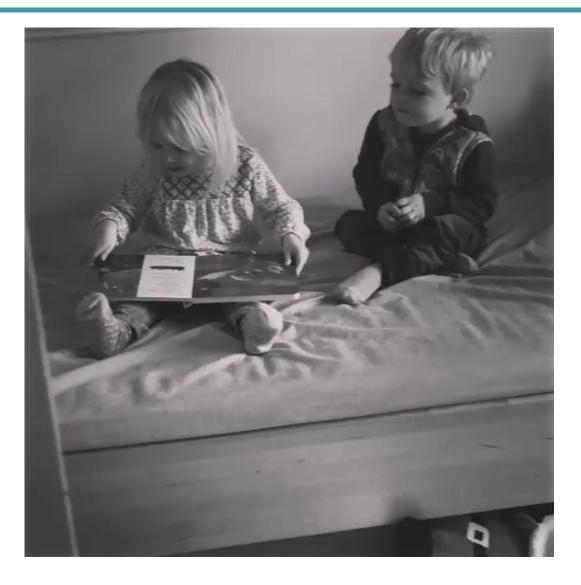
### Repeated readings Again! Again!

## Children are wired to thrive on repetition.





#### **Room on the Broom**



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### **Storytimes**





### Storytime at home

### Read to your children every day.



## 10 things your child learns when you read aloud stories and poems every day

- 1. Sustain attention.
- 2. Appreciate rhythm and rhyme.
- 3. Build pictures in their minds from the words on the page.
- 4. Understand humour and irony.
- 5. Use new words and phrases in different contexts and later in writing.
- 6. Learn new vocabulary and knowledge of the world.



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- 7. Think about characters' feelings and use appropriate voices.
- 8. Follow a plot with all its twists and turns.
- 9. Understand suspense and predict what's about to happen next.
- 10.Link sentences and ideas from one passage to the next.



## **Top Tips - Storytime**

- 1. Make it a treat.
- 2. Make it a special quiet time.
- 3. Show curiosity.
- 4. Read story once without stopping.
- 5. Chat about the story.
- 6. Avoid testing with questions.
- 7. Link to other stories and experiences.
- 8. Read favourites over and over again.
- 9. Use different voices.
- 10.Love the book.



### We're going on a bear hunt





### Be a 'talk-a-lot' family

- Talk with your child as much as possible.
- Use new and ambitious vocabulary.
- Build interesting sentences together.



#### What can you do?

- 1. Read the same stories aloud again and again.
- 2. Read with enthusiasm love each story.
- 3. Talk with your child as much as possible.



### **Online resources available**

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# Children are made readers on the laps of their parents.

Emilie Buchwald



### Any questions?



