

For the Love of Reading:

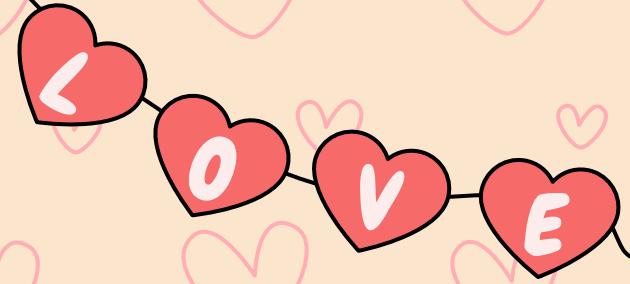
Fostering Literacy and Enjoyment at Home

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# Agenda



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Reading**



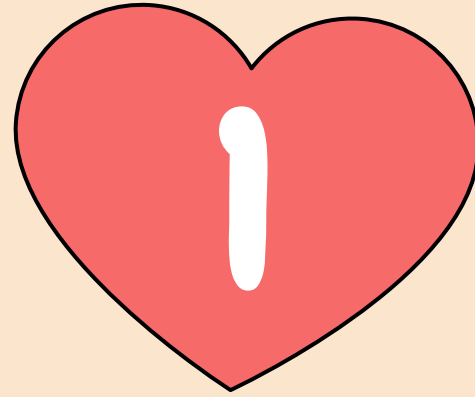
**Parents as  
Reading Role  
Models**



**Making Reading  
Interactive**



**Book  
Recommendations  
and Resources**



# Power of Reading

**"Reading is a basic tool in the living of a good life." – Mortimer J. Adler**



# Power of Reading



## Key benefits of reading for children:

- **Enhances vocabulary and language skills**
- **Improves concentration and discipline**
- **Stimulates creativity and imagination**





## Parents as Reading Role Models

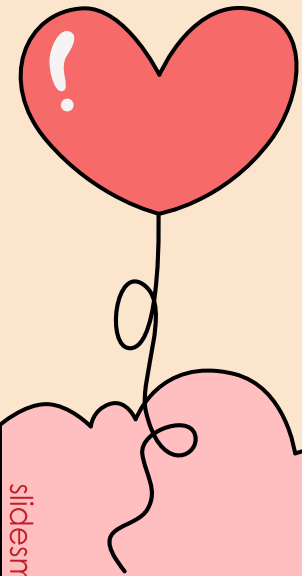
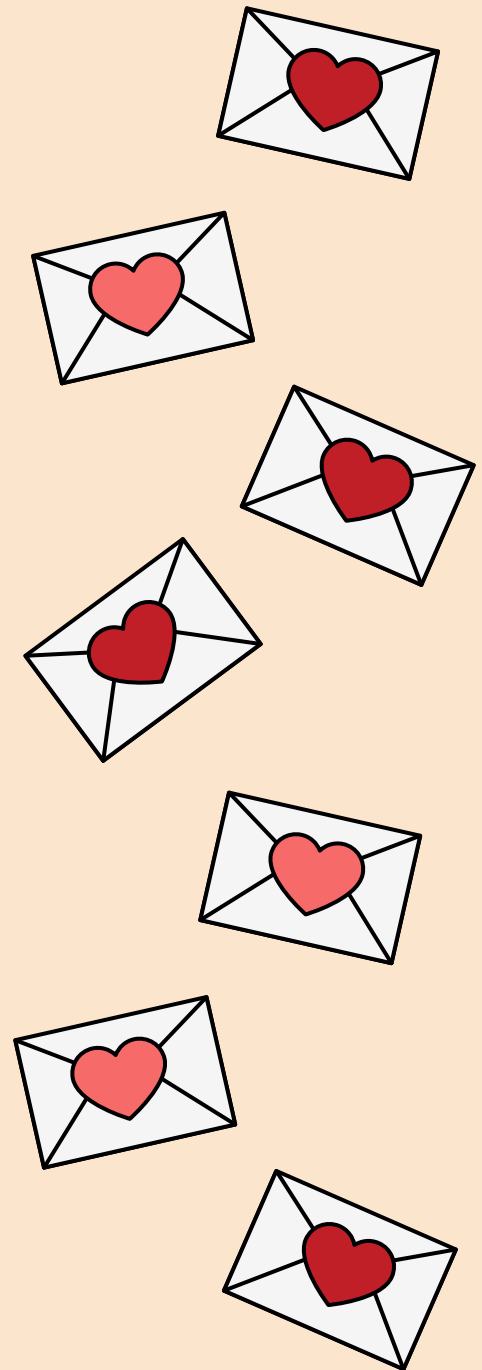
**"To learn to read is to light a fire; every syllable that is spelled out is a spark." – Victor Hugo**



# Parents as Reading Role Models

## The influence of parents reading:

- Children imitate adult behaviors
- Share your reading habits and favorite books
- Incorporate reading into family time



# Setting the Stage for Reading



## Tips for creating a reading-friendly environment at home:

- Designate a cozy, well-lit reading nook
- Keep a variety of books accessible
- Importance of a print-rich environment (posters, labels, books)





# Making Reading Interactive

**"Books are a uniquely portable magic." – Stephen King**



# Making Reading Interactive



Ask Open Ended Questions



Discuss character, setting plot



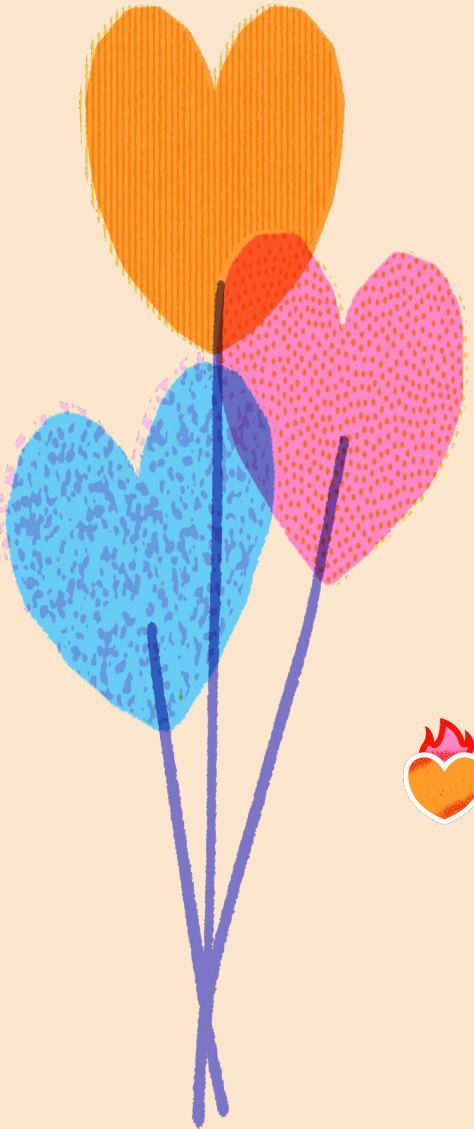
Make predictions and draw conclusions

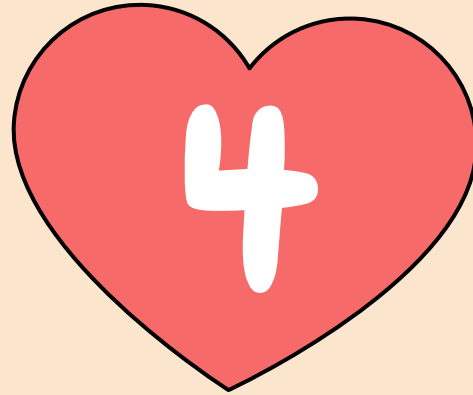


Use expressive voices when reading



Integrate into daily activities





## Book Recommendations & Resources

**"A room without books is like a body without a soul." – Marcus Tullius Cicero**



**Five  
Recommendations  
& Resources**

1

**2024 Read Aloud  
Book List**

2

**Suffolk Public  
Library**

3

**Storyline Online**

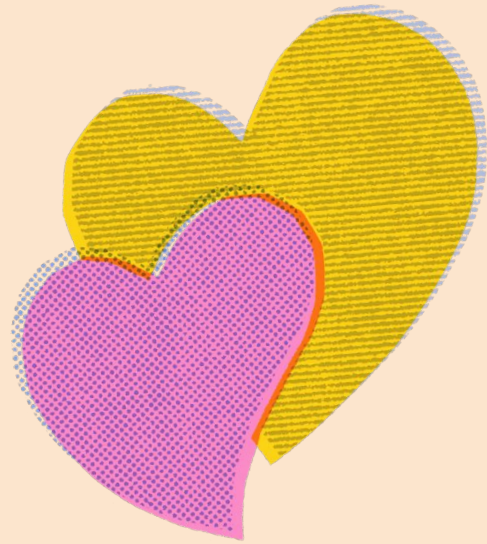
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**The Big Free  
Book Store**

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**At Home Reading  
Strategies**





Thank you