

Tips for Group Reading

Preview the book before you read it with the group so you can anticipate questions or reactions. Practice reading the book through so you can decide where to pause for emphasis and where to elicit questions, predictions, or reactions.

Introduce the book to the group

Point out the cover illustration, title, and author. Invite the children to predict what the book is about, and talk about how the book might connect to their own experience or to other books they've heard or read. You can also give a brief explanation, "This is the story of a boy who goes on an unusual trip. you will think about it."

Read with expression

Let your voice reflect the tone of the story or the personalities of the characters. Don't read too fast. Vary your pace so you can pause for emphasis. Allow time for children to think about what's happening or what might come next.

Build in time for listeners to respond along the way

Allow time for children to study the pictures as you read, make comments, and ask questions about the story.

Encourage predictions

Ask children what they think will happen next. Help them confirm or revise these predictions as the story unfolds. Try to honor many ideas and interpretations, not just the "correct" ones. Instead of accepting or rejecting comments or ideas as right or wrong, use comments such as "That's one possibility, let's see what the author has in mind." or "Well that's an interesting idea. How did you think of that?"

Watch your audience

Watch the children's expressions and body language and be sensitive to signs of boredom or confusion. You may need to change your reading plan, change the book, or do more preparation next time.

Save time at the end of the story to get reactions

Ask open-ended questions that don't have right or wrong answers and can't be answered with a yes or no reply. For instance, ask what the child liked (or disliked) about the book and why. You may ask what he or she thought about the characters or how the problem was solved. Find out if the book made listeners think of any personal experiences or other books they've heard or read.

Encourage discussion about the story

Ask the children questions about what's going on and encourage them to predict what will come next.

Most importantly: Have a good time!



Location &

Parking

**TML: 711 6TH AVE
Overtown MIAMI, FL 33136**

Parking is free on the street. Lobby entrance is inside gated area.

Please arrive 15 minutes before your scheduled time to read.

We pack a lot of fun and learning into our summer days. Please be on time. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING**