

Dear Incoming Kindergarten Parents,

Books have the power to benefit young children in a myriad of ways. As a parent, reading to your child stimulates language, cognitive, critical thinking, social, communication, and empathetic skills. It helps children to hear a model of fluent reading and to learn new vocabulary. The benefits of reading just 20 minutes per day are endless! The graphic to the right shows the difference between children who are read to 20, 5, and 1 minute per day. The benefits of reading aloud to your young child can last a lifetime! Any book your child is interested in reading will build excitement and a love of reading! While you are reading, stimulate conversation and critical thinking by asking your child questions such as:

- What do you think this story is going to be about?
- Who are the characters in this story?
- What do you think will happen next?
- What would you do if you were in this situation?
- Does this book remind you of anything you have seen or heard before?
- What is the problem in this story? What can they do to fix it?

Happy Reading!

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