

THE IMPORTANCE OF READING FOR COMMUNICATION *& language development*



Reading with your children helps them develop their vocabulary, communication, and listening skills, as well as their curiosity and ability to connect with the world around them and the people in it.

1 Literary Skills

Reading to children helps with language acquisition and shows them how to read – from left to right, by turning pages, and by talking and listening

2 Listening & Concentration

Consistent reading helps children learn to sit still and listen for an extended period of time, improving their concentration abilities

3 Vocabulary

Hearing words spoken aloud exposes children to new words, phrases, and concepts, and gives them better recognition of letters and sounds

4 Creativity & Imagination

Reading requires us to imagine characters, scenes, and plotlines, and to learn about people and places; the more children read, the more their imagination develops, which in turn sparks their creativity in other activities

Reading also helps children:

- Develop empathy by experiencing the lives of different characters
- Gain deeper understanding of their world by learning about new people and places
- Build stronger relationships with parents and care givers through the shared experience of reading and experiencing a story together

