

Teach me about Books:



- 1- Naturally, I think that books are like other toys so I might be rough on them. When I'm little, board books are best. When I'm old enough, please show me how to handle books carefully and where to put them away at our house.
- 2- Show me how we hold books and how to turn the pages so they don't rip.
- 3- Point out the title, author and illustrator and help me guess what the book is about by looking at the picture on the cover.
- 4- Please help me look carefully at ALL the pictures in the book. They are so beautiful and interesting! Ask me to predict what's going to happen by looking at the pictures. Soon I'll be able to tell you the story myself because the pictures will give me clues!
- 5- I don't automatically know that you are reading the words on the pages. Sometimes it's good to follow along with your finger while you read.
- 6- Help me talk about myself as we read together. Sometimes the story reminds me of something that happened to me, too. Sometimes I feel sad or afraid. Sometimes I don't understand

some of the words. Sometimes I wonder if the story is real. I like to talk about all that.

7-Take me to the library and help me check out all kinds of books— a few at a time is perfect! It's fun to read them over and over and then go back for more.

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