

# PLAY TIME

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## READING WITH YOUR CHILD

- Start reading to your child when he/she is a baby.
- Make it a special time.
- Put your mobile phone away so you can't be distracted.
- Turn off the TV, music, computer.
- Take out the child's dummy so the child can talk.

Now when you are both ready, sit close together and enjoy!

Let your child choose books that they like, they will want you to read the same book over and over again. Show your child picture books and read aloud to them, so they will develop a lifelong love of reading. Talk about what is happening in the pictures and your baby will start to recognise familiar objects. Tell them stories about your childhood and whānau. Stop reading when they lose interest, reading needs to be fun. Make a regular time to read each day.



Be a good role model  
Make your home a place where children see you reading  
e.g newspapers, magazines, books, comics, website pages.  
This will help your child to see that you value reading.  
Get books from a variety of places: book fairs, libraries, second hand shops or friends and whānau that have finished with them.



### A REAP Wairarapa Early Childhood eResource

REAP Wairarapa brings you a series of eResources that can be emailed to you or downloaded from the REAP website. Our staff are endeavouring to make these activities that you can do in your own home with your children.

eResource provided by Jude Mitchell - Early Childhood Team Leader

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