
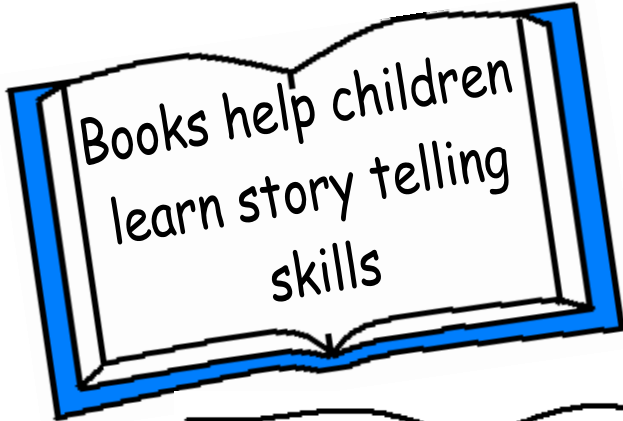


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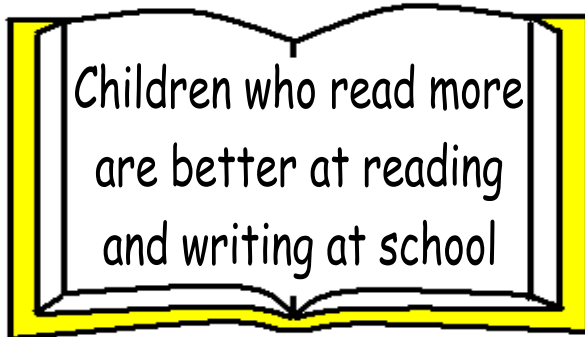
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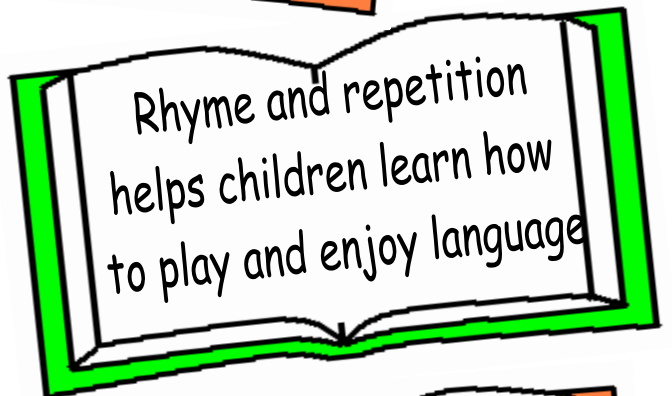
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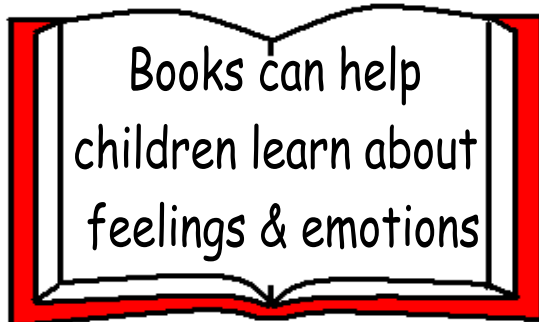
Babies who play with books enjoy reading more when they're older



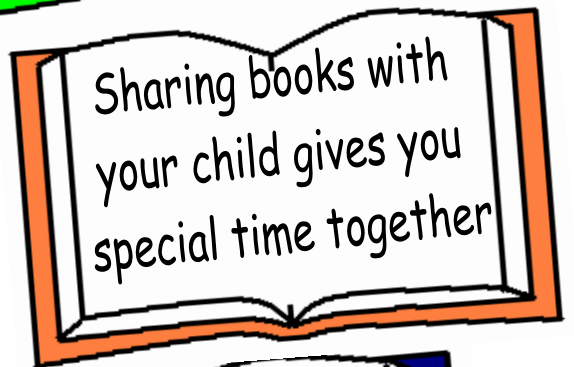
Children who read more are better at reading and writing at school



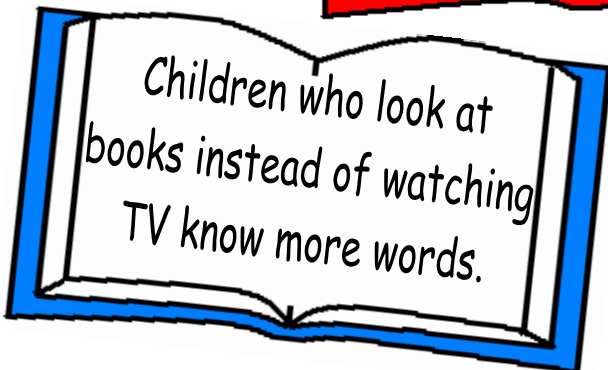
Rhyme and repetition helps children learn how to play and enjoy language



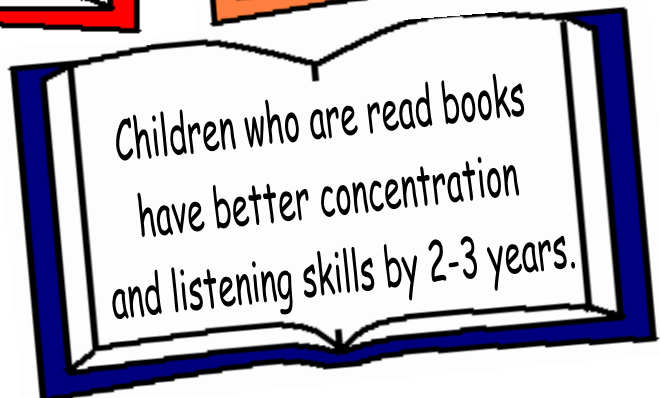
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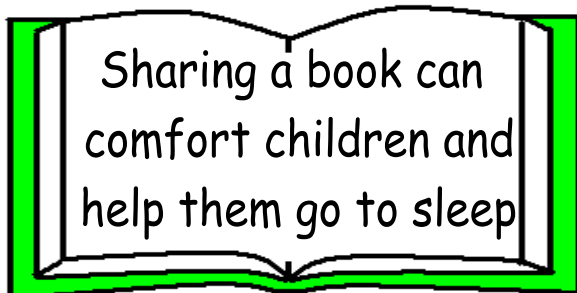
Sharing books with your child gives you special time together



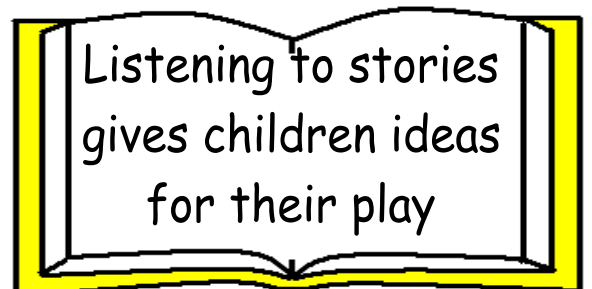
Children who look at books instead of watching TV know more words.



Children who are read books have better concentration and listening skills by 2-3 years.



Sharing a book can comfort children and help them go to sleep



Listening to stories gives children ideas for their play



Tips for... Sharing Books



Make sure children aren't distracted from listening to stories - turn the TV and radio off!

Use puppets and props to bring stories to life!

Avoid books with lots of features, such as pop-ups and flaps. (Research shows they are less able to use new words from these books).

It's good to repeat the same books!

It means children can predict the language patterns in the stories. This helps them learn new information each time.

Talk about how things in the book are linked to your and the child's life

Read daily, even if only for a few minutes with young ones

(They will learn language faster, have a larger vocabulary, and be more successful readers at school)

Talk together about the pictures rather than focus on the text

(This develops language more, especially their words)

Start early, at least by 8 months.

(Research shows this gives better vocabulary at 12 and 16 months)

Stop and wait every time you turn the page, and let the child talk first. Go with their topic.