

Be Patient!

- Now we know how teachers feel.

Introduce Yourself!

- Smile, tell the kids your name, and tell them something interesting about you.

Explain why you are reading.

- Tell the children that reading is important because it is a life long skill.

Pick a book you enjoy.

- Explain why you picked the book.
- Think about the kids...will they like the book?
- Practice reading the book in front of a mirror.

Introduce the book.

- Give the title and author.
- Show the book cover, the illustrations, and ask questions.
- Answer the children's questions.

Begin Reading.

- Show enthusiasm!
- Use inflection in your voice!
- Get the children's attention!
- Read slowly.
- Ask questions as you read. (Key questions)
- Encourage participation.
- Have the children predict what will happen next in the story.
- Have a good time! (This should be enjoyable for you too!)

After Reading

- Discuss the book.
- Ask questions and encourage answers! e.g. (Did you like the book?, Which character was your favorite?, Did you like the ending? and Can you make up a different ending to the story?)

Leave with a smile on your face!

- Tell the children that you would love to read to them again!

Remember!

- You have just done something wonderful!
- Feel good about what you have just done!
- Next time you will even be **BETTER**.

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