

Early Learning Outreach Program (ELOP)

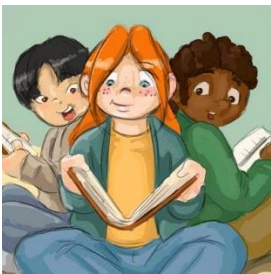
Storytime Tips



- Read the book to yourself before reading it to children.
- Hold the book upright, with pages facing the children.
- Make sure that all of the children who are interested can see the book easily.



- Help get everyone settled by beginning each storytime with a **greeting song**. Children will often pick a favorite greeting, but feel free to use a different one every so often!
- **Get excited!** Children will be interested if you show that *you* are interested!



- **Read slowly** and pronounce the words to the best of your ability.
- **Ask questions and wait** several seconds for children to answer--they may need extra time to process the information.
- **Encourage children to ask questions** and to make predictions (“What do you think will happen next?” “How do you think this character is feeling?”).
- Children may stand/walk/roam while you are reading--this is okay! They benefit from hearing the story and activities even if they are not sitting down or directly engaging.
- **Change it up!** If listeners are having trouble sustaining attention, move on to something else, even if it's in the middle of a book! Movement songs and finger plays are a great way to shake things up.

