

Echo Reading

Echo reading is a fun way for parents to read together with their child while modeling reading fluency and articulation.

Some children are extremely unsure of themselves when they begin taking the risk of reading out loud. They may hesitate or even resist oral reading, fearing the inevitable mistakes one must make to learn. Echo reading is the perfect solution!

To echo read, position the book between you and your youngster. Read a sentence out loud having him finger point each word. Then have your child read it, echoing you. It's that simple.

Your child will not only become more familiar with the story wording but will also begin to emulate your phrasing, inflection, and pace. This helps him to master components of reading that are difficult to teach otherwise. As he recognizes and remembers the story more completely, begin to encourage independent reading. Your child will surprise you with his newfound confidence!

Extension Activities:

- Form groups of three students each. Have one child be the main reader, while the other two are the *echoers*. Be prepared for some giggling!
- Switch roles and have your child read while you echo.

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