Reading Aloud to Little Ones

Things to remember:
• It starts with YOU!
• Let your child see you reading at home.
• Have reading materials around the house.
• Make the time to share a story, rhyme, etc., with your child.
• Talk to your child about what is going on around him or her.
• Have fun with language and read with expression.
• Make the moment a comfortable one for you and your child.
• Let your child see how special books are by the way you handle them.

When selecting books, remember:
• Pick stories you like to hear because you’ll end up reading them again and again.
• Encourage your child to point to the pictures and talk about them together.
• Select stories that have rhythm.
• Choose books with artwork that is bright, clear, and with white space for resting eyes.

Remember that your little one:
• May like to select the story for himself or herself.
• May only listen to a little at first, but will get better.
• Needs the adult to share the book with him or her; otherwise, it’s just a toy.

Stories to Share:

Big Fat Hen ........................................................................................................................................................................ by Keith Baker
Down on the Farm .............................................................................................................................................................. by Merrily Kutner
The Little Mouse, the Red Ripe Strawberry, and the Big Hungry Bear ......... by Don and Audrey Wood
Little Robin Redbreast .................................................................................................................................................. by Shari Halpern
“More More More,” Said the Baby .......................................................................................................................... by Vera B. Williams
On Mother’s Lap .......................................................................................................................................................... by Ann Herbert Scott
Sam Who Never Forgets ................................................................................................................................................ by Eve Rice
Tickle, Tickle .............................................................................................................................................................. by Helen Oxenbury
Where’s Spot? .......................................................................................................................................................... by Eric Hill