



## Circle Time Tips

### 13 Tips for Reading to a Group

1. Be sure all children can see and hear the story.
2. Choose a story that will appeal to your audience and suit the children's attention span.
3. Choose a book with bright and large illustrations
4. Provide an alternate activity for those who lose interest.
5. Choose books that invite participation through repeated verses or rhymes.
6. Start by grabbing their attention with "magic story dust" or a calming fingerplay.
7. Ask questions to set the stage for listening. For example, "What do you think will happen to Miffy mouse?"
8. Substitute the children's names for character names to add interest.
9. Be flexible. Skip or alter parts of a book as the needs of your young listeners' dictate.
10. Use props to bring a story alive.
11. Try a new introduction or attention grabber before starting a story.
12. Pick a book the children are familiar with. Add their names or make silly mistakes to get their attention
13. Try asking the children to predict what will happen next.

**You don't stop playing because you grow old, you grow old when you stop playing**