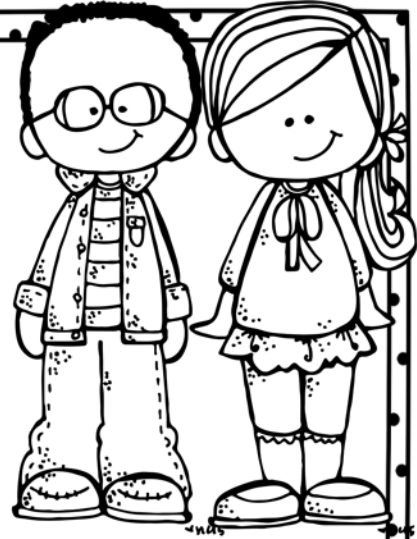


# How can I help my child with reading?



Helping your child develop a love of reading can be a wonderful experience for a parent. Here are a few useful tips for you to use to encourage your child to read.

1. Try not to pressure your child into reading if they have no interest. This will quickly turn reading into a chore. Instead share the reading, read a page or sentence each. Take a picture walk.
2. Find out what interests your child and aim to find reading material that will “hook” him or her into reading more about the topic.
3. Don't limit reading to only books, use the internet, signs around you, magazines, comics. Anything that has text on it and your child finds enjoyable to read will be beneficial for your child.
4. Create a space for reading, somewhere comfortable and with minimal distractions. Encourage your child to use this space both by themselves as well as to share a book with someone.
5. Be patient! No-one learns to read overnight and for some it takes a little longer than others. Persevere and continue to make reading an enjoyable activity.