



BEST BEGINNINGS

Alaska's Early Childhood Investment

BOOK TITLE: **Read to Tiger**
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SUMMARY OF BOOK: A young boy is trying to read a book silently to himself, but he finds it impossible because of the distractions of a tiger behind his couch. The tiger continues to act up and interrupt the boy every time he starts to read! Finally, the boy discovers that if he reads to Tiger, Tiger will pay attention and the boy can read.

***BEFORE READING** (Ask questions and use what the child already knows to add to the discussion, assisting the child in understanding and enjoying the book):

Try questions such as these:

1. Look at the cover of the book together: "What do you think the book might be about? Why?"
2. "What sounds might a tiger make?"
3. "Do tigers live in houses? What would you do if you were the boy on the cover?"

DURING READING (ask these questions):

1. Point out the boy's face: "What do you think he's feeling now?"
2. Try to use different voices for the characters. "What kind of voice should a tiger have?"
3. Notice how the characters repeat the words they say. Have your child take up the refrain. "Ooops! Tiger is sorry..."
4. With your child, imitate all the sounds Tiger is making.
5. Talk about what's real and what's imaginary.

AFTER READING (activity to extend book experience):

1. Pretend you are reading a book and have the child do different things to distract you. Role play with different characters in the story.
2. Think about what the boy and the tiger might do after the book ends. "What kind of adventures do you think they might get into next?"
3. "How do you feel when someone is bothering you or interrupting you?"

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