
Seven Unexpected Reasons Why I Read to My Child

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I am a reading specialist and I know that there are many reasons to read to my child. But, the act of reading is profound when you look at the unexpected gifts of this kind of love.

***I read to my child because books will help her to discover all that she is and all that she can be in ways even a mother and father cannot.**

***I read to my child because I know we are different in as many ways as we are alike, and I want her to have the assistance and support of others who share her gifts and talents.**

***I read to my child because I want her to know that words can refresh, inspire, comfort and give companionship and peace when the world is tiring and disappointing.**

***I read to my child because I want her to have access to the wisdom and knowledge of all time. I may not have the words and council to help her with all the problems she will encounter in this world. By joining her hand with the hands of those who have gone before, I give her access to *their* strength, *their* wisdom, and *their* council.**

***I read to my child because I want her to know that words and language will help build resilience and strength and inspire her to lead a joyful, happy life no matter what challenges she may face.**

***I read to my child because beautifully written books come with spiritual truths that feed the soul in ways computer games and television shows never will.**

***I read to my child because I want her to have the richness that language can give and the words that will allow her to hear the authentic voice within herself. My hope is that she will share that voice with the world.**