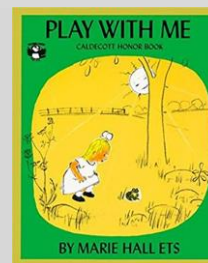




Play with Me

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Reading with your child is an excellent way to expose your child to words, topics, and ideas that are more complex than what they would see in books they can read on their own.

Read Aloud Tips

Read aloud every day

Establish a routine

Turn off all screens

Get comfy

Take time to look at the pictures

Read in silly voices

Explain new words

Let kids move around if they need to

Ask questions

Answer questions

Activities

- » Before Reading: Take a picture walk through the book and look at the illustrations pointing out familiar objects and animals.
- » During Reading: Point and name the animals on each page. Talk about what is happening on each page.
- » After Reading: Revisit the pages and help your child imitate the actions of each of the animals as they ran away.
- » Sensory: Make a forest themed sensory table. You can collect some items from outside like pinecones, grass and sticks. Add forest animal figurines and household items like toilet paper rolls for some interactive play.
- » Go on a Hike: Take a family hike and explore some trails. Point out the animals you see and describe the area using the same words that are in the story like grass, log, pond, bushes, etc.
- » Visit a (Petting) Zoo or Farm: Provide your child with the experience interacting with animals. Talk to him/her about how to approach animals slowly and quietly. If you are able to pet the animals show them the best way to touch each type of animal.

