

## Dialogic Reading or Book Talk

Have you wondered how to help your young child learn more language and be ready to learn to read when they enter school? Luckily there is a very simple way to do just that. It is called “dialogic reading”. This read aloud strategy supports language development and the understanding of how stories work. Research shows that children who have engaged in dialogic reading do better in tests of language development than children who have been read to traditionally.

Dialogic Reading encourages children to be actively involved in storybook reading by **talking** about what they see in the storybook pictures and by **talking** about the story.

For this reason Dialogic Reading is sometimes called Book Talk.

This approach teaches adults to:

- Engage children in conversations about storybooks
- Encourage children to become the primary tellers of the stories.

Dialogic Reading was developed by Dr. Grover Whitehurst.

For more information about Dialogic Reading check out:

<http://www.readingrockets.org/articles/400>