# SHARING a BOOK

**When sharing a book:** Allow your child to choose the book;
Give your child as much time as they need to look at the pictures; and
Join in with sounds, actions, or words.

## Some suggestions when reading a book:

• Sit face to face with your child with the book facing toward them

• Use books with lots of pictures

• Label the pictures (e.g., “I see a ball.” Pause and wait for your child to take their turn)

• Keep the story simple, make up the words to the story, or change them

• Use an excited voice, make sounds and special voices that go with the story

• Leave out familiar words or parts of the story for your child to fill in (e.g., “Once there was a bear who loved _____.”)

• Enjoy and share that special joy of stories with your child

## How to connect with support:

Anyone with a concern about their child's development can contact SmartStart Hub at Lansdowne Children’s Centre to start the referral process and seek support.

No diagnosis or doctor referral is required. There is NO COST to the family for accessing SmartStart Hub services, supports and resources.

**Visit** www.lansdownecentre.ca/speech
**Call** toll free 1-800-454-7186 ext. 507

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