

# Partners in Learning

## Video Suite



### Shared reading

Shared reading occurs when an adult and child read a book aloud together with an intent to improve the child's oral language. In the early years prior to school, it is most likely that an adult will be reading *to* a child. An important aspect of shared reading is the conversation that occurs between the adult and child during the reading session.

### What is discussed in this video?

The video contains a modelled example of shared reading including the types of conversation most beneficial for children's literacy in the early years.

### What are the key messages that can be used to inform the school community?

- Shared reading occurs when an adult and child read a book aloud together.
- Shared reading has an intent to improve the child's oral language.
- The conversation that occurs during shared reading is an important aspect of the reading session.
- Pausing and taking the time to discuss details can help expand a child's vocabulary.
- Consider adding detail to describe characters, their traits and characteristics.
- Consider discussing the details in pictures and the position of the objects in the book.
- Consider using positional language and colours to describe what the child is seeing in the book.
- Discuss the implied features of the characters.
- Pause and take the time to discuss the details of the story.
- Consider using some of the example activities that support shared reading as seen in the video.

