Enjoying a Book

Pre-reading

Questions:
• How do you keep reading fun?
• What books does your child like?

Definitions:
• Extra – more than what is usual
• Emphasis – extra force or feeling
• Nurture – to train or educate

Reading

Ann is a busy parent and employee. She works long hours. Molly is a busy young child. Molly is in preschool and in daycare. Both mother and daughter look forward to bedtime. Molly loves snuggling with her mom and enjoying a good book.

First, Ann and Molly look at the cover of the book. They talk about what they see. They look at the colors and objects. They question what kind of story may be inside. Ann asks her daughter, “What do you think this book is about?”

Next, they open the book. Ann begins to read. She stops at the end of each page so they can talk about the pictures. The pictures help Molly understand the story. Sometimes Ann will ask Molly, “What do you think will happen next?”

Molly loves to guess what will happen on the next page!

Ann uses her voice in different ways while reading. Sometimes her voice is loud. Sometimes her voice is soft. Sometimes her voice is low. Sometimes her voice is high. She raises her voice on a question. She gives extra emphasis to sentences that end with an exclamation mark.

Ann makes reading fun! She gives life to the words on the pages. Molly can’t wait to start reading on her own! Ann has nurtured a budding reader. She knows Molly will do well in school.

Reading is a great learning tool. Reading helps build language and develops the brain. It is also a wonderful way to be close to your child.

Level 4.0
Understanding

1. Why does Ann read to Molly? ____________________________

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2. What does the word guess mean? __________________________

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3. When do Ann and Molly read? ____________________________

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5. What kind of questions does Ann ask Molly while reading? ______

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6. How does Ann use her voice when reading? _________________

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Writing

Choice A: In your own words, write about how Ann reads to Molly.

Choice B: Write about when and how you read with your children.