





## Bedtime stories

We would like to invite you to take part in our new bedtime story routine.

We are inviting you to take two bedtime story books from our new class story libraries each week. These books are separate from your child's reading book.

Make a habit of reading bedtime stories to your child as early as right now. Children of all ages love bedtime stories. Not just for the one-on-one time while snuggled up in a nice warm blanket with you, but for the relaxing feeling that helps them unwind after a long day in school. This pleasant experience creates a sense of comfort in your child, which then cultivates their love for reading and motivates them to read on their own.

Communication is an important social skill and this can be honed through conversations about the books you have read. Make reading an interactive experience by letting your child guess what is next in the story and what made them think so. Make it known to your child that all opinions are welcome to get them comfortable in sharing their thoughts. Take turns in reading, use funny voices, emphasise phonemes (sounds) and teach them about the sounds of each vowel in your words.

Scan the code for Mrs Morgan to Read this booklet to you.



## Our Top Tips for reading a bedtime story

**1) Routine** - Read in the same place whether it be a bed, chair, couch or book nook. Also, do the same thing before and after the book. We would put on pyjamas, brush teeth, read our book and then go to bed.

**2) Have a regular favourite** - be happy with the same book every night for the next three years. Not only do children love repetition but it is imperative for their learning. They also learn about sounds, letters, reading, rhymes and rhythm when you read the same book over and over and over.

**3) Snuggle** - Be comfortable. If your reading space isn't comfortable and cosy then find some pillows or a place that you really look forward to every night. If you really look forward to reading each night, then undoubtedly your child will too.

**4) Get into Character**- Have different voices, read loud then quiet, carry out some of the actions being performed by the in the book. Give the story life!

**5) Extend the story** - Maybe just read a couple of pages and then be open to talking about anything or everything. If they start talking, don't shush them, follow their lead. The goal of story time isn't necessarily finishing the book, but it is connecting, talking, learning more about each other and the world.