

Additional Read Aloud Fun from Raising Readers

Children fall in love with books because of the memories created when they snuggle up and read with someone they love.

There are many ways to read a book with your child. Here are some ideas to help your child understand the story better, learn something new, or just laugh a little louder. Don't worry if some of the ideas below don't work for you – the most important thing is to enjoy the story together! Happy Reading!

MAKING FRIENDS

Raising Readers chose this book because it is a great story about friendship. In the story, we find out that the penguin does not need to go home to the South Pole, he just wants a friend.

After reading the book a few times, talk about the story. Ask your child how we know the boy and the penguin are friends. Let your child think of an answer. Any answer is a good one. You might prompt them with other questions. Is it because they did things together like building the boat? Is it because they were sad when they were apart? Making the connection between things in the story and an idea like friendship helps young brains stretch and grow.

BIG WORDS

There are some big words in this book that your child may need help with. Try to explain a word by using other words your child knows, or by relating the word to something that has happened to your child. Why not use the book's pictures to show them what is happening?

For example, you could say that "ignored" means "not listening."

Using the pictures, point to the birds in the trees and show your child that the birds have their backs turned to the boy. For the word "disappointment," you can explain that "when you are sad because something did not happen, you are disappointed." Try using a recent example of when your child was disappointed. You might explain strength (strong) or delighted (happy) the same way.

Reading books together can allow you and your child to learn new words and talk together about big things like friendship. Happy Reading!

