

Say Hello!

Start with a friendly hello. Show the book cover and invite kids to grab their copy and read along. Making a recording? Start with a personal message. For example, "Hello, John. I wanted to share [insert title] of book with you!"

Read With Flair

Use fun voices, sound effects, and changes in tone. When you enjoy reading, kids enjoy it too.

Describe and Model Facial Expressions and Body Language

When a character shows a feeling, ask the child what that feeling looks like. Give them a moment to try it, then show the expression yourself.

Ask Questions to Spark Conversation and Build Empathy

Literal Questions (answers are right in the book)

- What color is that?
- How many ducks are on the page?

Inferential Questions (reading between the lines)

- Does the bear look happy?
- How do you think she feels?

Evaluative Questions (making a judgment)

- What would you do?
- Should the dog do that?

Pause for Magic

After you ask a question, pause for a moment before you keep reading. It might feel a little strange on video, but the pause gives kids time to think and respond—just like in person.

Read together every day, no matter the distance.

