

Information for parents about reading aloud and storytelling

Dear Parents,

Reading aloud and telling stories together are exciting for children because they love stories. When children are read to, they learn to listen and speak. Reading aloud also helps them to express their own feelings.

This book helps you and your family become acquainted with daily life in Germany and to learn some German words. We wish you and your family lots of fun reading aloud and storytelling.



Exploring daily life in Germany together

What is there to see at the playground or at the market? Talk to your child about the pictures in the book "We are friends". List off what you see in the pictures, or ask questions about them. This automatically sparks conversations about the new environment and everyday events.



Learn your first German words together

Inside the book, you will find a few German words on every spread that match the picture as well as a QR code inside a speech bubble. Once you scan the QR code with your cell phone, the words are read to you. This lets you and your child learn and practice first German words in a playful way.



Reading aloud and telling stories together

When you are reading aloud you are spending quality time together with your child. This creates closeness. Your child will associate many good feelings with the time spent doing this. Moreover, this will help your child learn to read well later on. You don't have to read aloud in German; do it in the language you otherwise use to speak with your child.

The Reading Foundation is conducting the program "Reading takes us further. Lesestart for Refugee Children" on behalf of the Federal Ministry for Education and Research.

Have fun reading aloud and telling stories!

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