

Why sharing a bedtime story or two is not-to-be missed!

- Bedtime is the perfect time to give your children your undivided attention and love.
- Snuggling together is such a delicious treat.
- Reading is a great way (for both of you) to wind down after a busy day.
- Enjoying books together will give you a chance to reread your childhood favorites and discover new gems.
- Reading wonderful books will encourage your child to read independently.
- Your child's vocabulary will sprout, burgeon and be amplified as she hears invigorating, noteworthy words.
- Reading books together will give you and your child a chance to communicate opinions and values.
- The books you share become one way you define your family. Long after closing a book, you'll be talking about a favourite character or a scene.
- Reading great books will nourish your child's imagination and writing.
- Your child's teachers will know you've read together and thank you for it.
- No matter how old your child is, you hold the key to books that are just out of reach. Read those aloud now and your child will want to become a better reader so he can read them independently.
- Many so-called children's books have lots to offer adults: wonderful illustrations, life lessons and a chance to laugh.

Source: Carolyn Hart,
www.StorytimeStandouts.com
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