50 Ways to Read with Enthusiasm to Your Baby

Pretend it's your favorite book, Assume you will only get through 2 pages, page 3 is now a bonus! Pretend you are an actor auditioning for the part of narrator, Play all the characters, put on a one person show, Enlist help from a finger puppet or other prop, Add sound effects, Make funny voices, Make animals sounds, Read faster, Read slower, Use a high pitch voice, Use a low pitch voice, sing the story, Whisper, Get loud! Start in the middle of the book, Start at the end and go backwards, skip a page, Skip around, Comment on the illustrations, Comment on the illustration style, Pretend to eat illustrated food, sniff illustrated flowers, Bring pictures to life, Act out emotions, Pretend to walk across the illustrations with your fingers, Kiss the puppy in the illustration, give the book a hug, Substitute baby's name for the main character, Have baby hold the book, Have baby turn the page, Ask baby if s/he wants to look at another page, Have older babies finish the sentence, Point to the words, Point to the pictures as you read about them, Skip the text, just point out things in the pictures, Have baby find something on the page, paraphrase, Make up your own words, Move, shake, or bounce the book to go with motion in the story, Build suspense by excitedly asking, what's going to happen?! Add your own plot twist, say, this is my favorite part! Read together on rocking chair, Read to baby in high chair, Read to baby in crib, Keep reading, even if she gets down to play, Come back to the story later, Use books as toys, whatever page you're on say, the end! Praise for good listening!