

## Reading Tips for Bob & Julie Books

### Make Reading an Adventure

Each page of the story features a **different bug or critter**, so invite children to *spot, name, and talk about* the tiny characters as you read. This builds observation skills and keeps them excited to turn the page.

### Pause & Predict

Before turning the page, ask:

**“Which bug do you think we’ll meet next?”**

This encourages curiosity, prediction skills, and engagement.

### Use Voices, Sounds & Actions

Bring the Musical Bugs to life with buzzing, tapping, fluttering or humming. Children love joining in, and it helps them remember the story.

### Talk About Feelings

Bob, Julie, Willum, Dord and Autumn the mouse and all the musical bugs experience moments of excitement, curiosity and teamwork.

Ask gentle questions like:

**“How do you think they feel here?”**

**“What would you do if you were in the garden with them?”**

This supports emotional understanding and empathy.

### Look Closely at the Pictures

The illustrations are full of tiny details — hidden bugs, garden clues, and character expressions. Encourage children to slow down and explore each page.

### Connect to Real Life

If you spot a bug outdoors, link it back to the story:

**“Do you think this bug could join the Musical Bugs band?”**

This builds real-world connections and curiosity about nature.

### Celebrate Every Reading Style

Some children love reading aloud, some prefer listening, and some enjoy pointing at pictures. All ways of engaging with the story are valid and valuable.