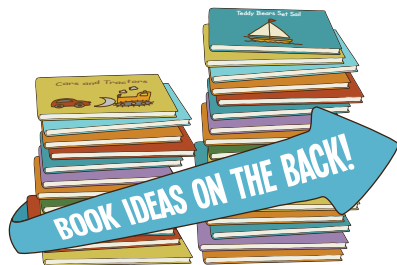


READ EVERYWHERE



- Keep books handy wherever your child spends time – bedroom, kitchen, grandma's, and car.
- Enjoy story times and reading at the library. Borrow books; kids who have books at home read more.
- Create a cozy story area at home with pillows, stuffed animals, and books.
- Read outside under a shady tree, or spread a blanket on the floor for an indoor picnic with books.
- Build a reading fort by tossing a sheet over a table. Use a flashlight for a reading adventure.
- Pack a book bag when you might be waiting for appointments or traveling.
- Enjoy a book about animals and then visit a pet store or zoo. Read about trains or trucks then look for them around town.
- Serve foods mentioned in books, like pancakes, sushi, fruits, and tortillas. Read before and after mealtimes.
- Use a giant cardboard box to create a time machine. Climb aboard and travel through history with books about dinosaurs, inventions, and much more.



BOOKS PRESCHOOLERS ENJOY

There are hundreds of excellent books. Here are a few favorites:

Abuela	by Arthur Dorros
Alphabet Rescue	by Audrey Wood
Curious George	by H. A. Rey
Flower Garden	by Eve Bunting
Fluffy and Baron	by Laura Rankin
Green Eggs and Ham	by Dr. Seuss
How Do Dinosaurs Say Goodnight?	by Jane Yolen
If You Give a Mouse a Cookie	by Laura Numeroff
Giraffes Can't Dance	by Giles Andreae
I Used to Be Afraid	by Laura Vaccaro Seeger
Lyle, Lyle Crocodile	by Bernard Waber
Mrs. Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten	by Joseph Slate
Me on the Map	by Joan Sweeney
On the Night You Were Born	by Nancy Tillman
SuperHero ABC	by Bob McLeod
The Little Engine that Could	by Watty Piper
The Little Red Hen	by Paul Galdone
The Mitten	by Jan Brett
The Neighborhood	by Nina Crews
Mother Goose	
The Wide Mouthed Frog	by Keith Faulkner

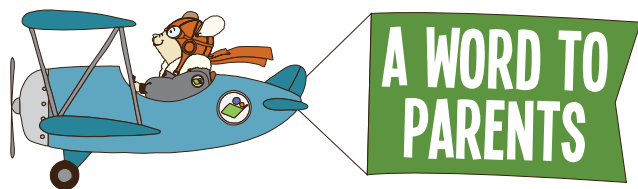
READ WITH YOUR PRESCHOOLER



IT'S THE MOST IMPORTANT 20 MINUTES OF YOUR DAY



The Children's Reading Foundation



Preschoolers thrive on lots of love and language. Reading together is fun and easy, and it prepares children to be successful and happy in school.

Reading aloud daily boosts vocabulary, comprehension, attention span, and listening skills. It teaches the names and sounds of letters, and promotes imagination, curiosity, and knowledge. Reading together builds strong minds and relationships!

Parents don't have to be good readers to give their children a strong reading foundation. Children benefit by talking about the pictures and snuggling close. It's fun and easy any time, day or night.

As your child's first and most influential teacher, take time every day to read aloud. It's never too early – or too late – to start reading with your preschooler.

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FUN WITH BOOKS

An easy habit is to read **three books a day** - two familiar stories and perhaps one that is new.



Be enthusiastic. Smile! Read with a lot of expression. Change your voice and volume.

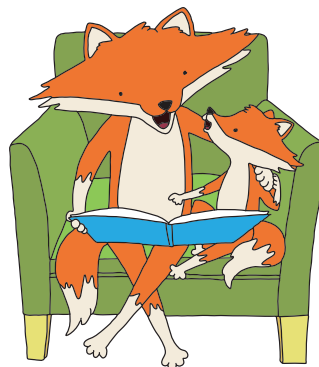
Allow plenty of time to look at and **talk about the pictures.** Let your child turn the pages.

Pause to ask questions about the characters and events. **Encourage conversation.** Make up a new character or ending.

Point out letters and sounds, such as letters in child's name. Clap or jump the syllables in the characters' names.

Sometimes **move your finger** under the words as you read. Your child can say "stop" when you come to a dot (period).

Use book terms, such as cover, page, word, and sentence. Prompt your child to **retell the story.** What happened in the beginning, middle, and the end?



CHOOSING BOOKS

Look for books with stories and artwork that are simple, clear, and engaging.

Enjoy a variety of books including rhymes, make-believe, and non-fiction. Read about basic concepts like letters, numbers, shapes, and colors.

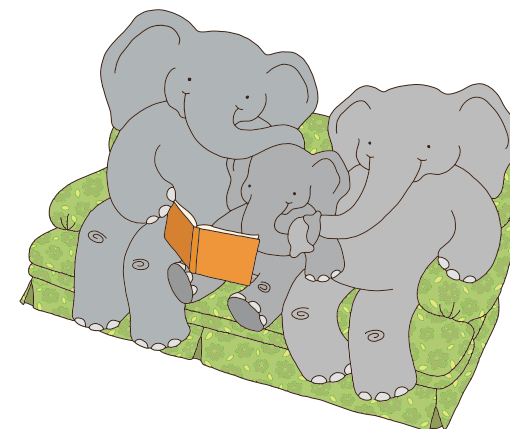
Pick topics that interest your child, such as tools, animals, or princesses.

Share stories about everyday events and new experiences, such as making friends or going to the dentist.

Let your child help choose library books. Look at a book cover and title, and ask what the story might be about.

As your child's attention span grows switch to longer stories.

Read favorite books again and again. If your child memorizes parts of a book, celebrate! That's a step toward learning to read.



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