

RAISING A READER: YOU ARE YOUR CHILD'S FIRST AND MOST LOVED TEACHER

Children need to see and hear hundreds of books before they are ready to learn how to read. Families that read with their child just 20 minutes a day are building essential pre-reading and learning skills, plus strong and loving relationships.

These recommended read-aloud books will entertain, teach, and inspire your child's imagination. They will connect your child with outstanding authors and illustrators. But this list is only the beginning. At the library check out one recommended book and then choose others that interest your child. At home, reread favorite books together often. Aim to read three picture books most days.

Have fun reading together! Snuggle with your child and books for 20 minutes every day. You are giving your child a valuable, lasting advantage: **A strong reading foundation that supports a lifetime of learning and reading enjoyment.**



BASEBALL AND BOOKS: PARENTS MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

Imagine a kid who practices batting and pitching a ball to his dad an hour every day all summer, from the time the child is 3 until he is 8. [May, June, July, August = 120 hours a year for 5 years.]

Imagine a second kid – no practice, no training, has never slipped his hand in a baseball glove, has never run the bases, has never swung a bat, has never seen a full game played.

Imagine that they turn out the same day for Little League tryouts. The skill level between these two young ball players is like the skill level in reading readiness of our incoming kindergartners.

The 90% Reading Goal
by The Children's Reading Foundation



MY FAVORITE BOOKS

There are thousands of terrific picture books, and your child is sure to have favorites that aren't in this brochure. Look for other books by authors your child likes, such as Jan Brett, Eric Carle, Dr. Seuss, Paul Galdone, Robert Munsch, Jane Yolen, and many others.

Make your own list here!

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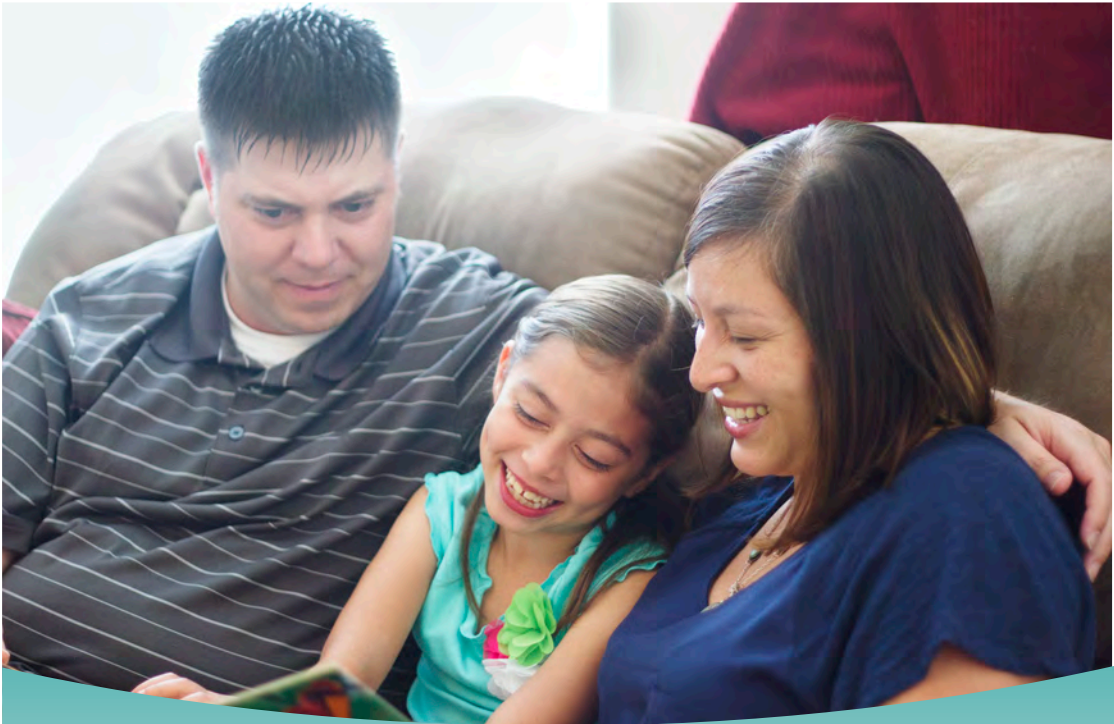
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READY! FOR READING

101 Wonderful Books Every Child Should Hear Before Kindergarten



Read with your child 20 minutes every day.



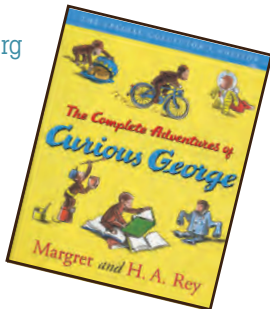
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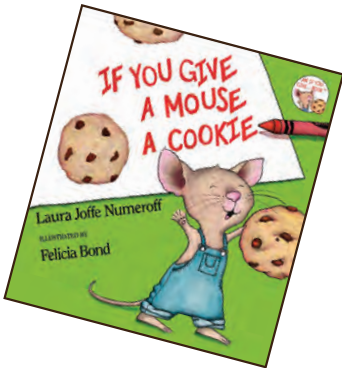
Display this chart at home where you and your child share books. When you finish a book, draw a star, happy face, or place a sticker next to the title.

Talk about what happened in the story, and mention the main idea such as, “We counted 10 ladybugs.” Or “The Little Engine never gave up trying.” Did your child like this picture book? Why or why not? These conversations help your child grow up to be a confident reader and thinker.

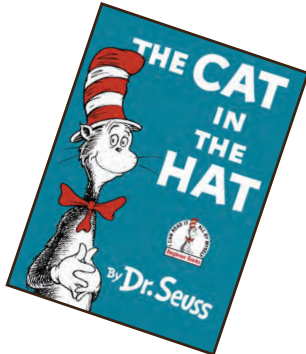
1. **Abuela** by Arthur Dorros
2. **Alphabet Rescue** by Audrey Wood
3. **Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day** by Judith Viorst
4. **All By Myself** by Mercer Mayer
5. **Are You My Mother?** by Phillip D. Eastman
6. **Arthur** by Marc Brown
7. **Bark, George** by Jules Feiffer
8. **Book! Book! Book!** by Deborah Bruss
9. **Brown Bear, Brown Bear What Do You See?** by Bill Martin Jr.
10. **But Not the Hippopotamus** by Sandra Boynton
11. **Can You Moo?** by David Wojtowycz
12. **Caps for Sale** by Esphyr Slobodkina
13. **Cars and Trucks and Things that Go** by Richard Scarry
14. **Chewy Louie** by Howie Schneider
15. **Chica, Chica, Boom, Boom** by Bill Martin
16. **Clifford the Big Red Dog** by Norman Bridwell
17. **Color Zoo** by Lois Ehlert
18. **Corduroy** by Don Freeman
19. **Cornelius P. Mud, Are You Ready for Bed?** by Barney Saltzberg
20. **Curious George** by H. A. Rey
21. **Danny and the Dinosaur** by Syd Hoff
22. **Don’t Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!** by Mo Willems
23. **Ducks on a Bike** by David Shannon
24. **Du Iz Tak?** by Carson Ellis
25. **Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed** by Eileen Christelow
26. **Flat Stanley** by Jeff Brown
27. **Flora McDonnell’s ABC** by Flora McDonnell
28. **Flower Garden** by Eve Bunting
29. **Fluffy and Baron** by Laura Rankin
30. **Frog and Toad Are Friends** by Arnold Lobel



31. **Froggy Goes to School** by Jonathan London
32. **From Head to Toe** by Eric Carle
33. **Fuzzy Yellow Ducklings** by Matthew Van Fleet
34. **Goodbye Summer, Hello Autumn** by Kenard Pak
35. **Good Night, Gorilla** by Peggy Rathmann
36. **Goodnight Moon** by Margaret Wise Brown
37. **Goodnight, Goodnight Construction Site** by Tom Lichtenheld
38. **Green Eggs and Ham** by Dr. Seuss
39. **Guess How Much I Love You** by Sam McBratney
40. **Harold and the Purple Crayon** by Crockett Johnson
41. **Harry the Dirty Dog** by Gene Zion
42. **He Came with the Couch** by David Slonim
43. **How a Seed Grows** by Helene J. Jordan
44. **How Do Dinosaurs Say Goodnight?** by Jane Yolen
45. **If You Give a Mouse a Cookie** by Laura Numeroff
46. **Incredible Book Eating Boy** by Oliver Jeffers
47. **Is Your Mama a Llama?** by Deborah Guarino
48. **It Looked Like Spilt Milk** by Charles Shaw
49. **Jamaica and Brianna** by Juanita Havill
50. **Jamberry** by Bruce Degen
51. **Jump, Frog, Jump!** by Robert Kalan
52. **L M N O Peas** by Keith Baker
53. **Lemons Are Not Red** by Laura Vaccaro Seeger
54. **Leo the Late Bloomer** by Robert Kraus
55. **Lilly’s Purple Plastic Purse** by Kevin Henkes
56. **Love You Forever** by Robert N. Munsch
57. **Lyle, Lyle Crocodile** by Bernard Waber
58. **Madeline** by Ludwig Bemelmans
59. **Martha Speaks** by Susan Meddaugh
60. **Max’s Dragon Shirt** by Rosemary Wells
61. **May I Bring a Friend?** by Beatrice Schenk de Regniers
62. **Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten** by Joseph Slate
63. **Mr. Gumpy’s Outing** by John Burningham
64. **My Father’s Dragon** by Ruth Stiles Gannett
65. **My Map Book** by Sara Fanelli
66. **On the Night You Were Born** by Nancy Tillman
67. **One Duck Stuck** by Phyllis Root
68. **Owen** by Kevin Henkes
69. **Pancakes for Breakfast** by Tomie DePaola
70. **Peek-a Who?** By Nina Laden



71. **Pete’s a Pizza** by William Steig
72. **Press Here** by Herve Tullet
73. **Rain, Rain, Rain Forest** by Brenda Z. Guiberson
74. **Read-Aloud Rhymes for the Very Young** by Jack Prelutsky
75. **Rosie’s Walk** by Pat Hutchins
76. **Skippyjon Jones** by Judy Schachner
77. **So Much** by Trish Cooke
78. **Sort It Out** by Barbara Mariconda
79. **Stellaluna** by Janell Cannon
80. **Swirl by Swirl** by Joyce Sidman
81. **Swimmy** by by Leo Lionni
82. **Ten Little Ladybugs** by Melanie Gerth
83. **Ten, Nine, Eight** by Molly Bang
84. **The Cat in the Hat** by Dr. Seuss
85. **The Gruffalo** by Julia Donalson
86. **The Kissing Hand** by Audrey Penn
87. **The Little Engine that Could** by Watty Piper
88. **The Little Red Hen** by Paul Galdone
89. **The Mitten** by Jan Brett
90. **The Napping House** by Audrey Wood
91. **The Neighborhood Mother Goose** by Nina Crews
92. **The Odd One Out** by Britta Teckentrup
93. **The Rainbow Fish** by Marcus Pfister
94. **The Very Hungry Caterpillar** by Eric Carle
95. **The Wide Mouthed Frog** by Keith Faulkner
96. **This Is Not My Hat** by Jon Klassen
97. **We’re Going on a Bear Hunt** by Michael Rosen
98. **Where the Wild Things Are** by Maurice Sendak
99. **Where’s Spot?** by Eric Hill
100. **Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge** by Mem Fox
101. **Wolf!** by Becky Bloom



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