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, read 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.

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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Visit ReadingFoundation.org for more reading tips and titles.
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. Achoo! 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. Books! Book! Book! by Deborah Bruss
10. But Not the Hippopotamus by Sandra Boynton
11. Can You Moo? by David Wojcik
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
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 Tuk? by Carson Ellis
25. Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed by Eileen Christelow
26. Flat Stanley by Jeff Brown
27. Fiona McDonald’s ABC by Fiona McDonald
28. Flower Garden by Eve Bunting
29. Fluffy and Baron by Laura Sankin
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 Coach by David Sionim
43. How a Seed Grows by Helene J. Kraus
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 Kalman
52. L M N O P by John Burningham
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. Grumpy’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 Maniord
79. Stellaluna by Janell Cannon
80. Swiftly by Joyce Sidman
81. Swimmy 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. TheGruffalo by Julia Donaldson
86. The Kissing Hand by Audrey Penn
87. The Little Engine That Could by Watty Piper
88. The Little Red Hen by Paul Gallico
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 Kevin Henkes
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 Beverly Cleary
102. You Can’t Scare Me! by Herve Tullet
103. You’re My Little Monkey by Jon Agee
104. Zero at the End of the Road by Jack Prelutsky
105. Zoji by Eric Carle

I love to READ!