

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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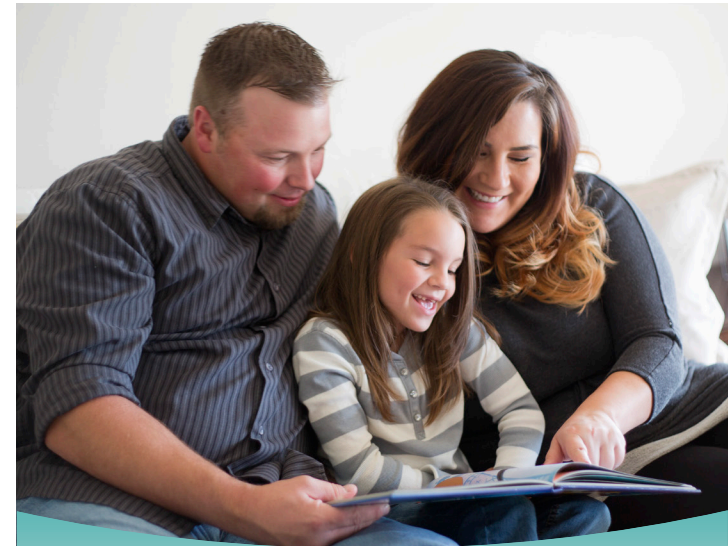
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101 Wonderful Books
Every Child Should Hear
Before Kindergarten



Read with your child
20 minutes every day.



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Research based - Parent approved

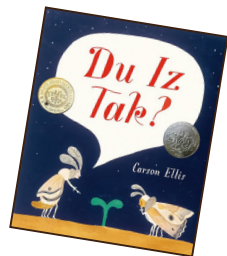
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Child's Name _____

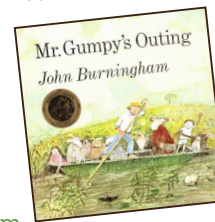
Display this chart at home where you and your child share books. When you finish a book, draw a star, or happy face, or place a sticker next to the title.

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. **Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day** by Judith Viorst
3. **Alphabet Rescue** by Audrey Wood
4. **All By Myself** by Mercer Mayer
5. **Arthur's off to School** by Marc Brown
6. **Bark, George** by Jules Feiffer
7. **Bear Snores On** by Karma Wilson
8. **Book! Book! Book!** by Deborah Bruss
9. **Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?** by Bill Martin
10. **But Not the Hippopotamus** by Sandra Boynton
11. **Cars and Trucks and Things that Go** by Richard Scarry
12. **Chicka Chicka Boom Boom** by Bill Martin
13. **Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type** by Doreen Cronin
14. **Clifford the Big Red Dog** by Norman Bridwell
15. **Color Zoo** by Lois Ehlert
16. **Corduroy** by Don Freeman
17. **Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!** by Mo Willems
18. **Duck on a Bike** by David Shannon
19. **Du Iz Tak?** by Carson Ellis
20. **E-Mergency!** by Ezra Fields-Meyer
21. **Flat Stanley** by Jeff Brown
22. **Flower Garden** by Eve Bunting
23. **Fluffy and Baron** by Laura Rankin
24. **Frog and Toad Are Friends** by Arnold Lobel
25. **From Head to Toe** by Eric Carle
26. **Fuzzy Yellow Ducklings** by Matthew Van Feet
27. **Garden Time** by Jill McDonald
28. **Goodbye Summer, Hello Autumn** by Kenard Pak
29. **Good Night, Gorilla** by Peggy Rathmann
30. **Goodnight Moon** by Margaret Wise Brown



31. **Goodnight, Goodnight Construction Site** by Tom Lichtenheld
32. **Guess How Much I Love You** by Sam McBratney
33. **Harold and the Purple Crayon** by Crockett Johnson
34. **Harry the Dirty Dog** by Gene Zion
35. **He Came with the Couch** by David Slonim
36. **Here and Now** by Julia Denos
37. **Hooray for Fish** by Lucy Cousins
38. **How a Seed Grows** by Helen J. Jordan
39. **How Do Dinosaurs Say Good Night** by Jane Yolen
40. **How Rocket Learned to Read** by Tad Hills
41. **How to Read A Story** by Kate Messner
42. **Hush!** by Minfong Ho
43. **If You Give a Mouse a Cookie** by Laura Numeroff
44. **In My Heart** by Jo Witek
45. **Incredible Book Eating Boy** by Oliver Jeffers
46. **Is Your Mama a Llama?** by Deborah Guarino
47. **It Looked Like Spilt Milk** by Charles Shaw
48. **Jamaica and Brianna** by Juanita Havill
49. **Jamberry** by Bruce Degan
50. **Jump, Frog, Jump!** by Robert Kalan
51. **Llama Llama Red Pajama** by Anna Dewdney
52. **Last Stop on Market Street** by Matt de la Peña
53. **LMNO Peas** by Keith Baker
54. **Lemons Are Not Red** by Laura Vaccaro Seeger
55. **Leo the Late Bloomer** by Robert Kraus
56. **Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse** by Kevin Henkes
57. **Love You Forever** by Robert N. Munsch
58. **Madeline** by Ludwig Bemelmans
59. **Martha Speaks** by Susan Meddaugh
60. **Math Curse** by Jon Scieszka
61. **Mrs. Brindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten** by Joseph Slate
62. **Mr. Gumpy's Outing** by John Burningham
63. **My Map Book** by Sara Fanelli
64. **On the Night You Were Born** by Nancy Tillman
65. **One Duck Stuck** by Phyllis Root
66. **Owen** by Kevin Henkes
67. **Pancakes for Breakfast** by Tomie DePaola
68. **Peek-a Who?** by Nina Laden
69. **Pete the Cat and His Four Groovy Buttons** by Eric Litwin
70. **Plinka Plinka Shake Shake** by Emma Garcia
71. **Press Here** by Herve Tullet



72. **Read-Aloud Rhymes for the Very Young** by Jack Prelutsky
73. **Rosie's Walk** by Pat Hutchins
74. **School's First Day of School** by Adam Rex
75. **So Much** by Trish Cooke
76. **Sort It Out** by Barbara Mariconda
77. **Stellaluna** by Janell Cannon
78. **Swirl by Swirl** by Joyce Sidman
79. **Swimmy** by Leo Lionni
80. **Ten Little Ladybugs** by Melanie Gerth
81. **Ten, Nine, Eight** by Molly Bang
82. **Thank You, Omu!** by Oge Mora
83. **The Day the Crayons Quit** by Drew Daywalt
84. **The Don't Worry Book** by Todd Parr
85. **The Everything Book** by Denise Fleming
86. **The Gruffalo** by Julia Donaldson
87. **The Kissing Hand** by Audrey Penn
88. **The Little Engine that Could** by Watty Piper
89. **The Little Red Hen** by Paul Galdone
90. **The Mitten** by Jan Brett
91. **The Napping House** by Audrey Wood
92. **The Neighborhood Mother Goose** by Nina Crews
93. **The Pout-Pout Fish** by Deborah Diesen
94. **The Rainbow Fish** by Marcus Pfister
95. **The Snowy Day** by Ezra Jack Keats
96. **The Very Hungry Caterpillar** by Eric Carle
97. **This Is Not My Hat** by Jon Klassen
98. **We're Going on a Bear Hunt** by Michael Rosen
99. **Where the Wild Things Are** by Maurice Sendak
100. **Where's Spot?** by Eric Hill
101. **Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge** by Mem Fox



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